

PRELUDE: (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) "Toplady"

(10:30 a.m.) "Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara"

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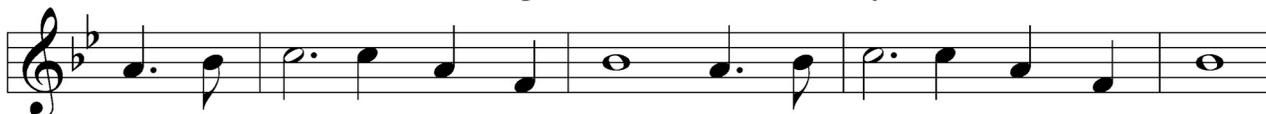
THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (LSB 761)



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

(10:30 a.m.) "See This Wonder in the Making" (LSB 593)



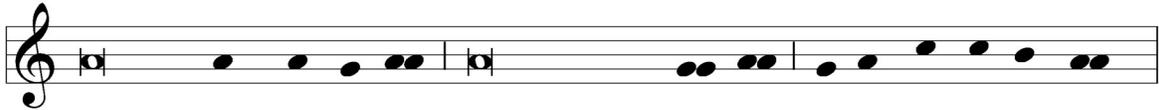
1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God Him -
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we



self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in His
door to heav - en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be -
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to Your arms we
take a new - born crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or



keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"
place *him/her/them*, With Your love and peace em - brace *him/her/them*.
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



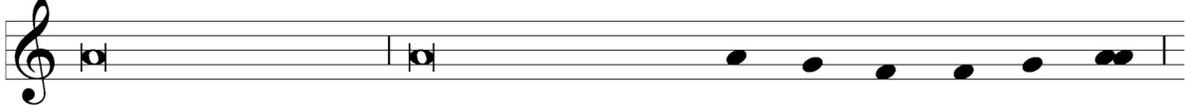
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



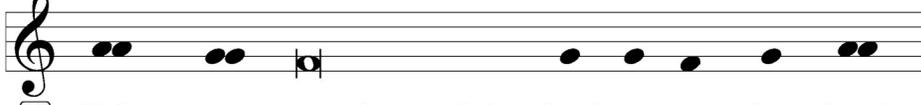
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



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 God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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:** “This Little Gospel Light”

Primary Sunday School

1. *This little Gospel light of mine...*
2. *Don't you try to blow it out...*
3. *Hide it under a bushel? No!*
4. *All around the neighborhood...*
5. *It will point the way to heaven...*

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Exodus 17:1–7

P: ¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

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 5:1–8

P: ¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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 4:5-30, 39-42*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.

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

P: ⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all

things.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?”²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people,²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him. . . .

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.”⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

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)

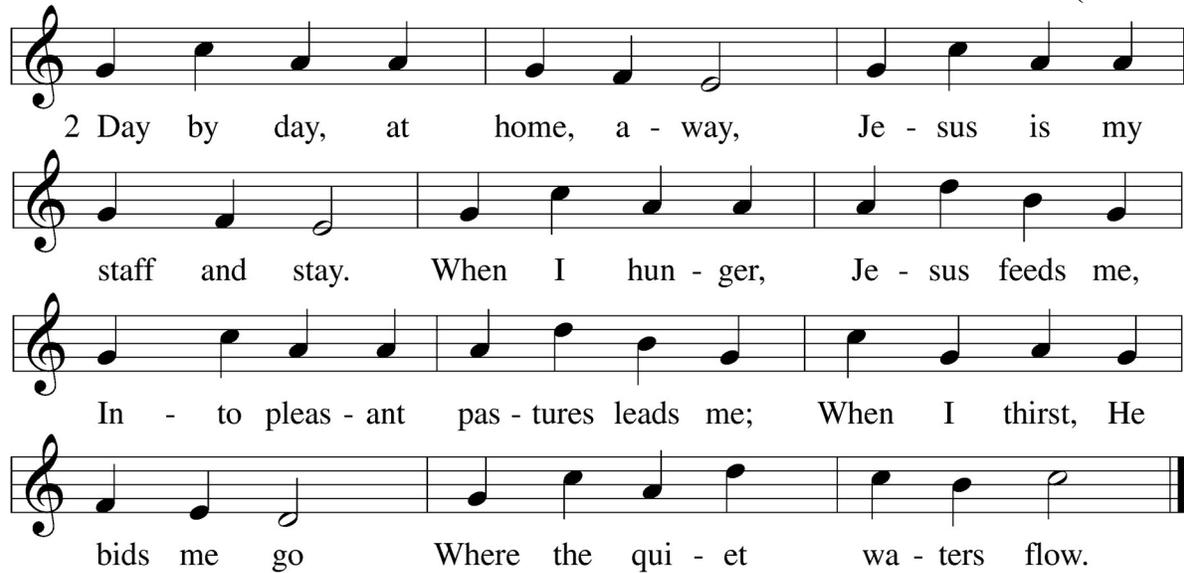
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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:**

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" (LSB 740, vs. 2)

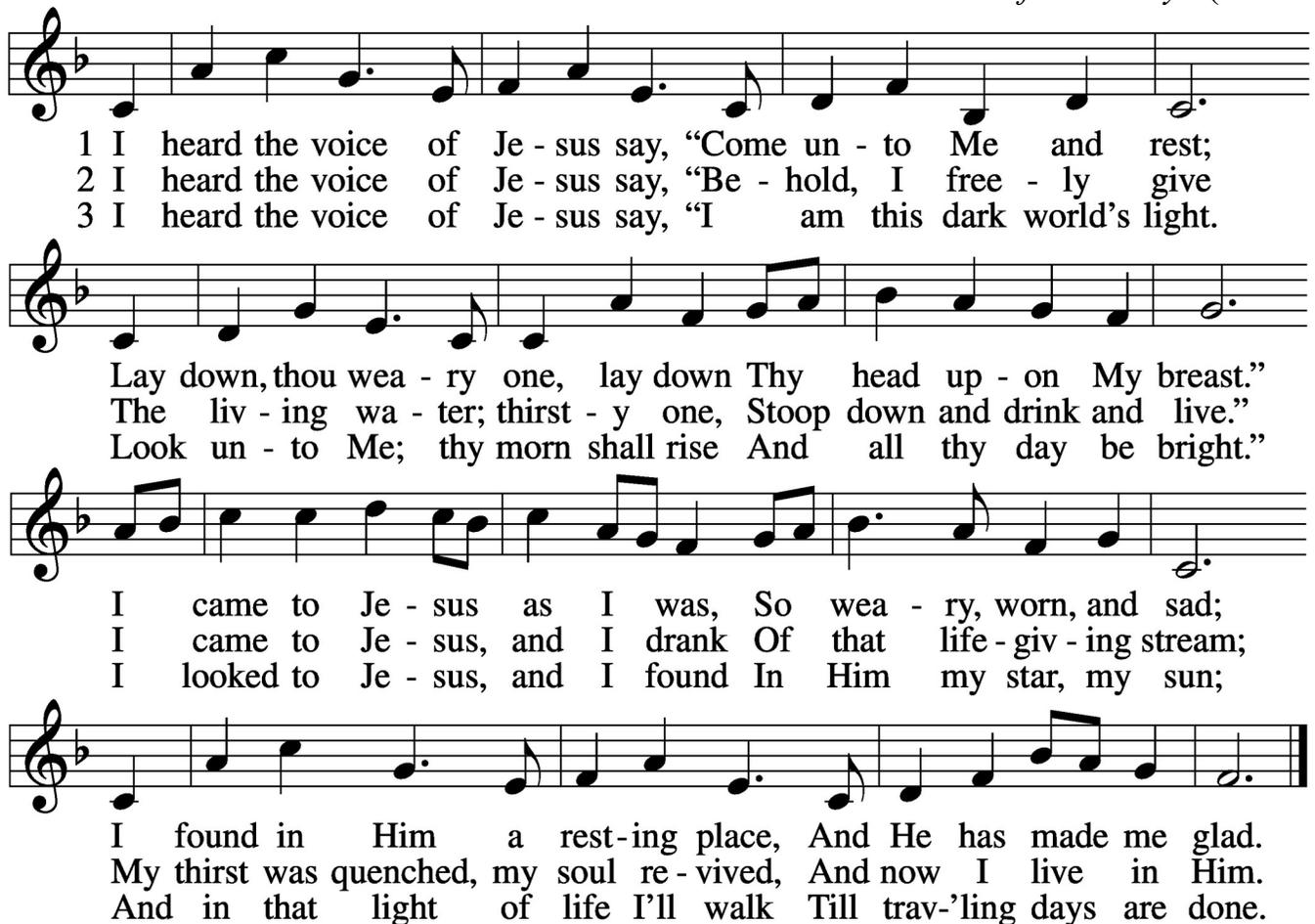


2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (LSB 699)

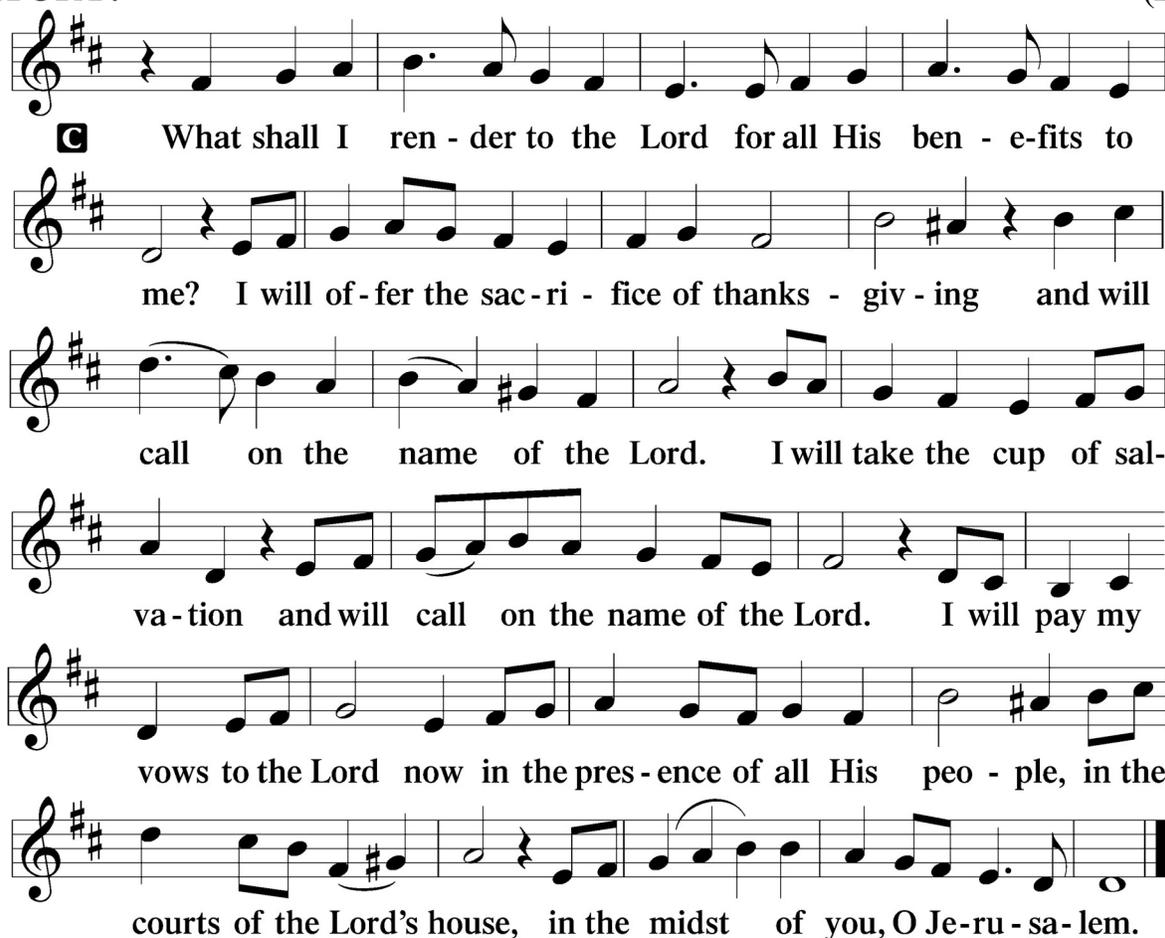


1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.
Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."
I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;
I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - ling days are done.

SERMON

OFFERTORY:

(LSB 176)



C 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, Allana Chamness, Mary Gibson, Shirley Hartmann, Gerald Hitzemann, Andrea Kuehner, Izzy McDermott, Tyson Moonier, Virgil Palm, Ron Pflueger, Sue Schreier, Mary Jo Shelton, Ted Stellhorn, Milton Theobold 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

✠for Ian Bradley Hick, son of Brandon & Kaley (Schultheis Allard) Hick, as he comes to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 8

✠those who mourn: family of John Wiatr; died in the Lord on Friday, February 27

✠those who mourn: family of Dr. Paul Schrieber; died in the Lord on Thursday, March 5

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.**

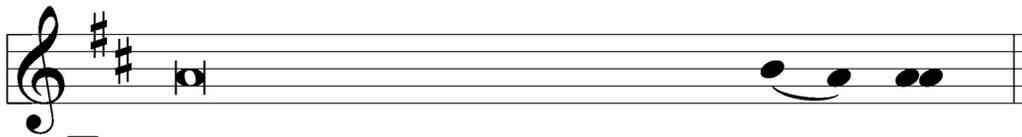
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

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.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI:

(LSB 180)



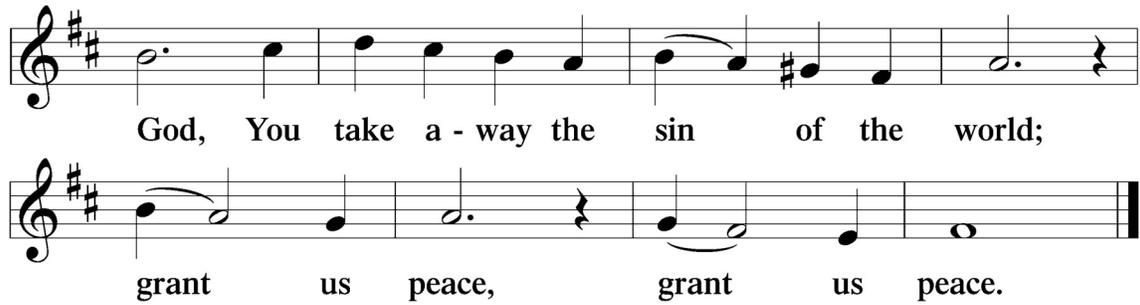
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



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*)

“Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain” (*LSB 435*)



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -

by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er

Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -

pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 647)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foun -
2 O Lord, let this Your lit - tle flock, Your name a - lone con -
3 Help us to serve You ev - er - more With hearts both pure and
4 And for Your Gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; In You she trusts, be - fore You bows, And
fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in Your lov - ing care, True
low - ly; And may Your Word, that light di - vine, Shine
trea - sure; Teach us to bear Your bless - ed cross, To



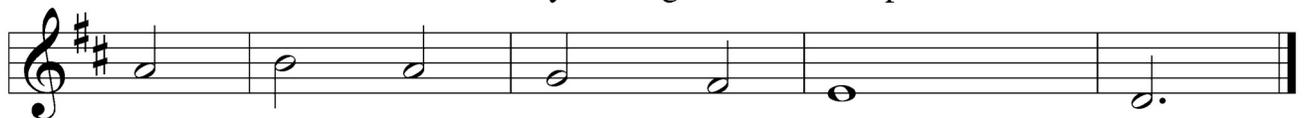
waits for Your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure,
u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord,
on in splen - dor ho - ly That we re - pen - tance show,
find in You all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness



Your Church shall en - dure Though all the world de -
And Your sav - ing Word To us, Lord, pure re -
In faith ev - er grow; The pow'r of sin de -
In joy and dis - tress, Lest we, Lord, You for -



cay And all things pass a - way.
tain. Grant that they may re - main
stroy And e - vils that an - noy.
sake. Let us by grace par - take



O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!
Our on - ly strength and com - fort.
O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
Of end - less joy and glad - ness.

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



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



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



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



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



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

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing

To the Father's home on high,

Christ, the truth that frees the captive,

Christ, the life that cannot die.

Mediator to the Father,

Sacrifice and great High Priest:

Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,

There to share Your wedding feast.

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,

Christ, the firstborn from the dead,

Christ, the life and resurrection,

Christ, the Church's glorious head:

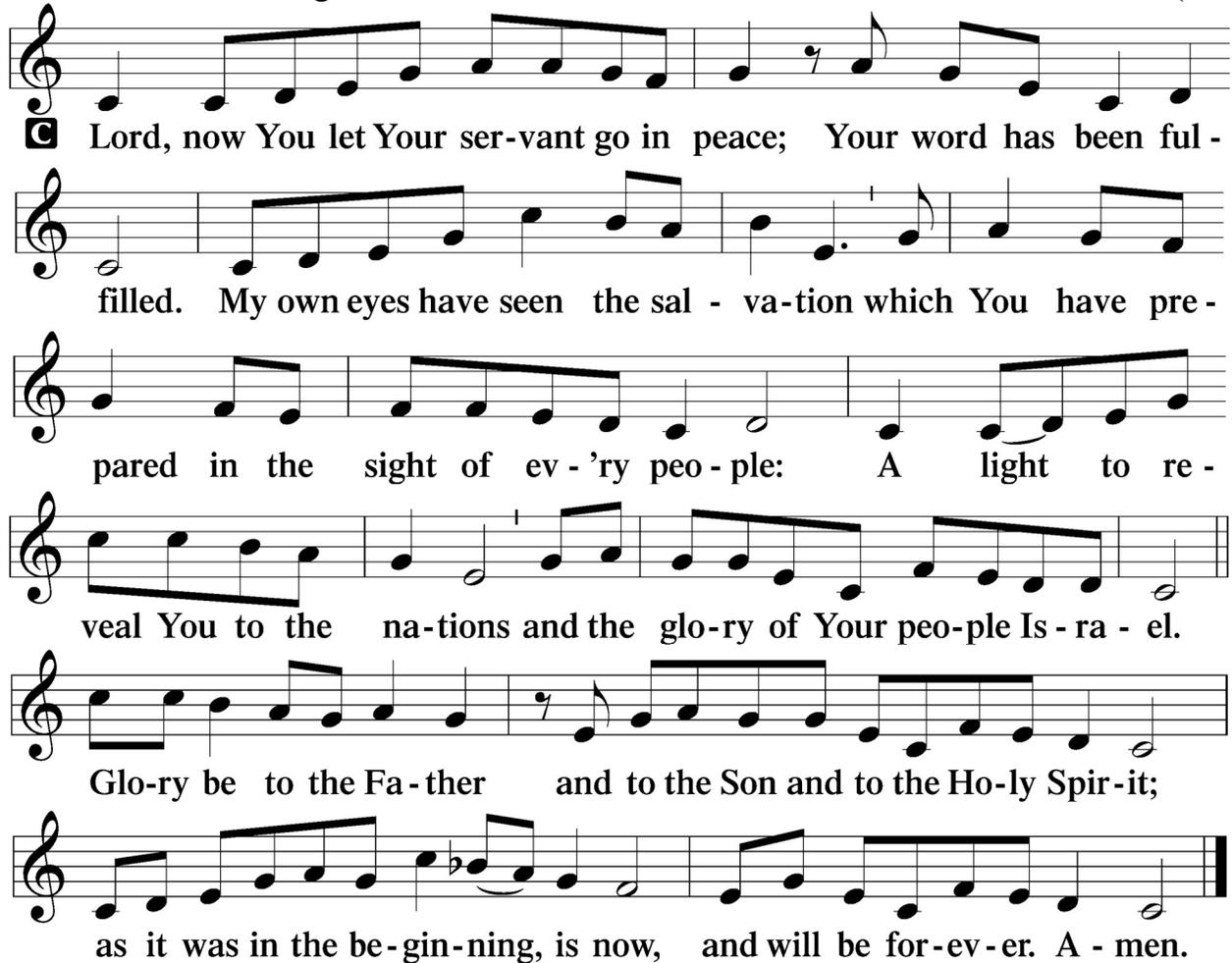
Praise and thanks and adoration

And unending worship be

To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

NUNC DIMITTIS : “Song of Simeon”

(LSB 182)



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared 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:

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” (LSB 918)



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

POSTLUDE: “Cwm Rhondda”*setting by Kermit Moldenhauer*

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This Week with Our Lord, March 8-15, 2026**SUNDAY, March 8- *Daylight Savings Time***

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

Monday, March 9-

4:30 p.m. Board for Parish Education Meeting

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

Volleyball OVC “A” Tournament @ Evansville

Tuesday, March 10- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off & Spring Pictures*

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 11- *Midweek Lent*

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lent Service; Acolyte – Grayden Schloemann

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 Lent Service; Acolyte – Kellen Herriman

7:30 p.m. Confirmation Examination

Thursday, March 12-

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

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

7:00 p.m. Men’s Club Meeting

Friday, March 13- *Report Cards Sent Home*

Volleyball “C” Tournament @ St. Mary’s - Chester

Saturday, March 14- *PTL’s 16th Annual Dinner Auction*

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Karys Papenberg

SUNDAY, March 15-

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Maybre Falkenhain

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

March 1: Worship: 415; Communion: 168; Adult Bible Classes: 40; Sun. School: 38

March 4: Worship: 312; *No Communion; No Chapel* (Midweek Lent)

March 3-4: Women’s Bible Study: 12; Bible Recap: *No Class*; March 5: *No Chapel*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 3/1/26- General: \$29,568.00; School: \$510.00.

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.

EPISTLES:

Paper copies of the March 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 April Epistle, please send an email to the office by **March 20th**!*

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.

PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS THIS SUNDAY:

Students in primary Sunday school classes will sing in the 10:30am worship service on Sun. March 8th. Pastor will announce when students should make their way to the front, and they will return to their seats after the conclusion of their song. We look forward to hearing your students sing!

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.

HOLY BAPTISM:

✠ We welcome Ian Bradley Hick into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the 10:30a.m. Sunday service. He is the son of Brandon & Kaley (Schultheis Allard) Hick. His baptismal sponsors are Erin Krick & Bradley Allard. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

✠ We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member John A. Wiatr who died in the Lord Friday, February 27th at the age of 86 years. He received a Christian funeral here on Monday, March 2nd. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:

We will hold services on Wednesday, March 11, at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. A Lenten supper will precede the evening service (tacos, Mexican rice, refried beans, & homemade ice cream for dessert) 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:

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 31st. Forms are on the tables in the entryway. Thank you!

NEARBY LENTEN FISH FRYS:

+ St Peter UCC in Red Bud will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Perfect Attendance for February- Pre-K3: August Guebert, June Russell; Pre-K4: Atlee Thien, Kane Whelan; Kindergarten: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Nolan Liefer, Clarke Thien; First Grade: Bennett Buch, Demi Grohmann, Nolan Kassing, Benjamin Langrehr, Eliza Schrader; Second Grade: Huxton Grohmann, Bentley Valentine; Third Grade: Jettson Grohmann; Fourth Grade: Blakelynn Grohmann; Fifth Grade: Amelia Langrehr, Jack Valentine; Sixth Grade: Jackson Carnahan. Thank you for your participation and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

3/8- Joan Prigge, Donna VanDorn, Kaci Trost, Samuel Roscow, Tessa Stenzel, Landon Bumann, Corbin Liefer; 3/9- Joy Prigge, Joanna Ellner, Wrenley Vogel; 3/10- Gregory Deien, Andrew Langrehr, Riley Foster, Cameron Eden; 3/11- Mitch Eden, Tammy Moll, Timothy Donjon; 3/12- Emily Brennan, Landon Ruebusch; 3/13- LouAnn Liefer, David Kuhn, Katelin Uffelmann, Lyla Hess, Zandra Harless, Addison Breier, Miles Liefer; 3/14- Donald Fausz, Nolan Neumeyer, Blakelynn Grohmann, Jameson Nehrt, Mylee McDaniel.

DINNER AUCTION NEXT SATURDAY: *Last Call, Get your tickets now!*

Our 16th annual dinner auction will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Hecker Community Center beginning at 5pm. 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!

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 26th for delivery before Easter. Please contact Devon Albert or any 6th 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.

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.

TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION:

Christian Friends of New American's 19th Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, April 11th. 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.

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)

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!

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; 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.

22ND LUTHERAN OLDER ADULT RETREAT IN GRAFTON:

Date: Wednesday & Thursday, April 15-16th, 2026; **Registration Fee:** \$135 per person; **Theme of the Retreat:** *Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord! Psalm 100:1*

Deadline: April 1, 2026; **Registration Fee is for:** workshops, meals & entertainment; **Lodging Information:** Make your reservations at Pere Marquette Lodge (13653 Lodge Blvd, Grafton, IL 62037) by calling 618-786-2331. Tell them it is for "The Lutheran Older Adult Retreat" room block; **Lodging Cost:** Reduced rate is \$109 for single or double room (tax rate of 11% not included); **Checks:** Make payable to SID (please note LOAR on the memo line); Mail to: Margo Wolf, 4 Charles Trail, Lebanon, IL 62254; **Questions?** Call Margo Wolf at 618-979-3376 or email: dmwvette74@gmail.com.

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.

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

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. Being tax-wise is essential in an estate plan so that you are caring for the family you love and ministries you care about. This can require that you talk with your accountant/tax preparer, to advise you, based on your current tax realities, and what impact a charitable gift today or in the future will have. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can get you started thinking about this topic, helping you to know what questions to ask your tax advisor. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), we're continuing our study of the book of Genesis, picking up with chapter 27! Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we continue our series through the book of Numbers. On Concord Matters this week (3/14 at 10 a.m.), we're continuing our study of the Sacrament of the Altar as described in the Large Catechism— what benefit can be found in partaking of the Lord's Supper? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “What Was the Price on That?”

When we couldn't pay the price of our redemption, God did so completely by the life of Jesus. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) 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 MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

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

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

The world tells us to avoid suffering at all costs, even justifying murder (abortion, suicide, assisted suicide) on the grounds that death can be used to avoid further suffering. However, St. Paul reminds us that instead of trying to avoid suffering through death, we “can rejoice in our sufferings” (Romans 5:3), knowing that God uses our suffering to increase our hope in Him and bring us to everlasting glory. Therefore, when suffering comes, “let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker (Psalm 95:6), entrusting ourselves into the hands of the One who “died for us” (Romans 5:8).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Exodus 17:3 – “But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’” Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

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

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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

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: Pastor Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald (5 p.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Blake Horrell; (8 a.m.) Presley Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Jozlynn Palm

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Chris Doerr & Lisa Quinn

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

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

Flower Servers: Linda Guebert Paraments: Virginia Moeller