

PRELUDE: "How Firm a Foundation"

arranged by John Purifoy

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

**OPENING SONG:**

"How Firm a Foundation" (LSB 728)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**INTROIT:**

*Psalm 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13*

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,  
**that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

**When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.**

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. **What can flesh do to me?**

In God, whose word I praise, **in the Lord, whose word I praise,**  
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. **What can man do to me?**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,  
**that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

**KYRIE:** *(spoken, not sung)*

*(LSB 204)*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.** *(please be seated)*

**SONG OF PRAISE:**

*“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)*

2. *Though a host encamp against me, I will never fear!*

*Even though a war surrounds me, You are always near.*

*One thing I have asked of You that I will seek for sure is to live in the house of the Lord. (Refrain)*

3. *You will hide me in Your shelter in the day of strife;*

*You'll conceal me in Your tent or set me on the height.*

*Now my head is lifted up above the storms of night, So I'll sing to the name of the Lord. (Refrain)*

4. *Glory be to God the Father and to God the Son;*

*Glory be to God the Spirit, ever Three in One.*

*As it was in the beginning till our race is won, We can live in the light of the Lord. (Refrain)*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING:

*Jeremiah 20:7–13*

P: <sup>7</sup>O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! “Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” say all my close friends, watching for my fall. “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup>But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL:

*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

P: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

C: **and his greatness is unsearchable.**

P: On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

C: **and I will declare your greatness.**

## EPISTLE:

*Romans 6:12–23*

P: <sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup>and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I

am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.                      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SONG:**

*“King of Kings”*

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah! Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah! (*repeat*)

**HOLY GOSPEL:**

*Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

P: <sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

<sup>21</sup>“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

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

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

*Apostles’ Creed (p 207)*

**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.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SONG OF THE DAY:**

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



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



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



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

## SERMON

### SONG OF RESPONSE:

*“In Christ Alone”*

- 1. In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease. My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.*
- 2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones who came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.*
- 3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.*
- 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

### **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, Beth Kilpatrick, Rev. Russell Koen, Barbara Korves, Kortney Moll, Norma Preston, Joan Prigge, Bunny Schnepel, Mary Schultz, Eugene Stamm, Elroy & Carolyn Stellhorn, Bennett Wright, Trudy Woolbright; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Andy Amann, Doug Burford, Allana Chamness, Mary Gibson, Virgil Gramenz, Shirley Hartmann, Gerald Hitzemann, Andrea Kuehner, Tyson Moonier, Virgil Palm, Ron Pflueger, Ted Stellhorn, Milton Theobald III, Matthew Vallett, Amy Winkelman, Roger Womack.

**MILITARY:** (***Moving to Epistle***) 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; U.S. Coast Guard: Brock Earl

**EMERGENCY PERSONNEL:** (*Moving to Epistle*) 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

- ✠ favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields
- ✠ thanks for and God's blessings upon our Christian fathers
- ✠ thanksgiving for another successful VBS week

**OFFERTORY:**

“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.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER and CLOSING PRAYER**

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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 SONG:**

“God Is In Control”

*Verse:* I got this feeling in my soul. I know I'm not alone. God is always near me,  
He hears me I know. My God is telling me to stand up for what I believe.  
When I'm faithful, He is grateful I know. God is in control.

*Refrain:* God is in control! He's mighty and undefeatable. God is in control!  
So feel the thunder of His power. A warrior, defender, He's the Savior of my soul.  
God is in control.

*Bridge:* My God! (My God) Is in (Is in) control (control) I know... God is in control.  
(Repeat whole song and end with Refrain.)

**POSTLUDE:** “To Walk in God's Ways”

by Lani Smith

*Instrumentalists: Lindsey and Jonathan Hudak, John Kellerhouse, Brandon Nehrt*

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**This Week with Our Lord, June 21-28, 2026**

**SUNDAY, June 21- Happy Father's Day!**

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class

**Monday, June 22-**

**Tuesday, June 23- Pastor Winkelman's day off**

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

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

**Wednesday, June 24-**

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

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

6:30 p.m. Divine Service

**Thursday, June 25- Mr. Becker on Vacation**

**Friday, June 26-**

**Saturday, June 27-**

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Aubrey Valleroy

**SUNDAY, June 28-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Addison Breier

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Kelly Pollard

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

June 13-14: Worship: 267; Communion: 75; Adult Bible Classes: 43; *No Sun. School*

June 16-17: Women's Bible Study: 10; Bible Recap: *No Class; No Chapel*

June 17: Worship: 16; Communion: 15; June 19: *No Chapel*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 6/14/26- General: \$17,586.00; School: \$420.00; VBS Contributions: \$50.00; Debt Reduction: \$415.00.

**VOTERS' MEETING:**

Second Quarter Voters' Meeting will be held on **July 22** at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS: (Moving to Epistle)**

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.

## **THANK YOU:**

What a wonderful week of VBS we had! Thank you does not even begin to express the appreciation for all the helpers, teachers, leaders, donations, and offerings received for our mission project Trek & Tell: Taking God's Word to Children Near & Far. A full report will be ready for the July Voter's meeting. Thank you one and all for an awesome Tropical Trek and for sharing Jesus with the students. -Mr. Becker & VBS staff

## **KINDERGARTEN SCREENINGS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:**

If you're planning to enroll your child in Kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year, please sign up for a screening. Miss Birkner will meet with your child at school and participate in age-appropriate activities to help better prepare for the upcoming school year. Screenings will take place July 13th - July 15th. To sign up please email Reagan Birkner at [rbirkner@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:rbirkner@stjohnsredbud.org).

## **SUMMER SINGERS:**

During these summer months, July, and August, the Summer Singers will be enhancing our worship services! We will sing on the following dates: July 12th @ 10:30am, and August 2nd @ 8am. ANYONE who enjoys singing is welcome to participate!! Yes, this includes kids and youth as well! We'll meet a half hour before the service begins to practice the song, which is simple and easy to sing! Come sing with us!!

## **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.

## **LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:**

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. (Colossians 4:2)

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

6/21- Rick Stenzel; 6/22- Barbara Moeller, Danielle Conway, Ainslie Schrader, Cohen Eggemeyer; 6/23- Randy Klausung, Amy Mulherin, Sue Todaro, Shannon Horrell, Michael Notter, Amanda Ruhmann, Colton Liefer, Hayden Albert, Kennedy Moll; 6/24- Jennifer Schweizer, Jen Tepe, Becky Guebert, Tracie Jones, Sarah Moll, Jessica Heath, Tiffany Gasset, Sawyer Sondag; 6/25- Donald DeRousse, Ron Kunkelmann, Gale Stellhorn, Brent Moeller, Jack Richards, Cooper Wingerter; 6/26- Cliff Crafton, Jordyn Lehr, Benjamin Heller; 6/27- Justin Deterding, Natalie Kassing.

## **KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO: (Moving to Epistle)**

Tune in for "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near", our study of the book of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we're discussing the book of Acts. Follow along as we pick up with the end of chapter 2. Stay tuned for this week's edition of Concord Matters (6/27 at 10 a.m.)! Pastor Finfern and a guest will be answering the question, "What are the Lutheran Confessions?" Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org)!

## **ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS: (Moving to Epistle)**

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](mailto:dvheller@htc.net) or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

## **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT: (Moving to Epistle)**

Addington Place-Sparta: Kathryn Chunn; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Jean Menke, Martha Rohlfing, Elroy Stellhorn, Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence; Cedarhurst of Tesson Heights: Ruth Hecht; Freeburg Care Center: Dorothy Byers, Margaret Hanebutt.

## **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE: (Moving to Epistle)**

Columbia: Pat Byer, Earl (Wayne) Ellner; 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: (Moving to Epistle)**

Don & Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, LuAnn & Rick Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Trudy Woolbright.

## **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Journey Through Depression”**

Depression can feel like being “stuck,” but we are never truly alone. God meets us with His care and provision. (1 Kings 19:7) 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.

## **ELDER ZONES FOR 2026-2027: (Chairman, Stuart Langrehr) (Moving to Epistle)**

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)

## **LCMS FOUNDATION: (Moving to Epistle)**

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. As you consider an estate gift to your favorite ministry, should you talk with ministry leaders in this planning? What if the gift you want to give to your favorite ministry doesn't fit into that ministry's future. For example, you want to give a \$20,000 gift for a future pipe organ. The total cost would be \$5 Million. No one else shares your same desire. That gift would be orphaned and would never accomplish anything. Conversations with ministry leaders can help discern this. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help to get this conversation going. Contact Scott Radden at 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).

## **CASEY'S REWARDS: (Moving to Epistle)**

Cash for Classrooms- When you shop at Casey's using its rewards program you can donate your points to St. John's school through the Casey's app.

## **LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: (Moving to Epistle)**

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions” (Romans 6:12). Our world has been a culture of death since sin entered through Adam. We seek to make our passions our gods. We make our hobbies, careers, lifestyles, plans, and happiness all gods. But what happens when God throws us an unexpected gift? Will we rejoice, or will we destroy? That gift may be a spouse, it may be a child, it may be a friend in need, or it may be time with a dying family member. But will we stop and enjoy the time God gives, or will we hurry the “inevitable” and seek to destroy what God has given? Cain was warned that he must rule over sin and he didn’t, thus the blood of his brother cried out from the ground. Seek God’s gift of Life so that He may bless you with His grace and mercy and you may live with Him eternally.

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

**Luke 15:10 – “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”** Jesus eats with sinners, not so that they will remain stuck in their sins, but so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn, that is, to turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt or any number of other sins, the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.



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## **Eve's Restoration Ministries Seeking Property for New Residential Program**

Eve's Restoration Ministries is actively searching for a three-bedroom home or a commercial building in the St. Clair or Monroe County area of southern Illinois.

The property will be used to establish *Eve's Restoration Home*, a residential facility designed to support mothers working toward reunification with their children currently in foster care.

The ministry plans to launch this initiative as a pilot program in the summer of 2027.

Those with available properties for rent or purchase—or anyone wishing to learn more—are encouraged to contact Tony Douglas at 314-717-4471 or [evesrestorationhome@gmail.com](mailto:evesrestorationhome@gmail.com)

***Eve's Restoration Home, a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), is dedicated to providing parenting resources and Christ-centered spiritual care in a safe residential setting.***

***Its mission is to empower mothers to rebuild their lives and reunite their families.***

**[Eve's Restoration Ministries is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization](#)**

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*Serving Us in Worship Today*

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (10:30 a.m.) Lector & Children's Message: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Lauren Mehring; (8 a.m.) Evan Muench; (10:30 a.m.) Kaydence Proctor

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Clyde & Kathy Rowold

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

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

Flower Servers: Cindy Ebers & Nola Vallett Paraments: Virginia Moeller