

PRELUDE: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

arranged by John A. Behnke

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

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **OPENING HYMN:**

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (LSB 660)



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.  
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;  
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.  
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
 Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.  
 The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
 This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead  
 Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
 Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
 Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
 And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

(10:30 a.m.) **OPENING HYMN:**

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" (LSB 592)



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com -  
 2 Your com - mand is clear and plain, And we would o -  
 3 There - fore we have come to You, In our arms this  
 4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your  
 5 Now in - to Your heart we pour Prayers that from our



mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near  
 bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,  
 in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;  
 lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;  
 hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it  
 Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter  
 May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be  
 Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let  
 May our hearts' de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we



shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.  
 and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."  
 shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.  
 noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.  
 now have giv - en; Write it in the book of heav - en!

(10:30 a.m.) **Rite of Holy Baptism**, pages 268ff.

**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 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1*



I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever;\*

**with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.**

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,\*

**who walk, O Lord, in the light | of your face,**

who exult in your name | all the day\*

**and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.**

For you are the glory | of their strength;\*

**by your favor our horn is ex- | alted.**

For our shield belongs | to the Lord,\*

**our king to the Holy One of | Israel.**

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever;\*

**with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.**

**KYRIE:**

*(LSB 204)*



**☐** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**HYMN OF PRAISE:**

*“Gloria in Excelsis” (LSB 204)*



**☐** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

**ANTHEM: "Lead me, Guide Me"**

(LSB 721, Solo sung by Lindsey Hudak)



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



For if You lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r  
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
 3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,



To help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
 Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
 I am blind with - out Thy light to see.

Help me through the dark-ness Thy face to see.  
 I am put - ting all my trust in Thee.  
 Lord, al - ways let me Thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

*Jeremiah 28:5–9*

P: <sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

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

**GRADUAL:**

*Romans 11:33, 36*

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
**C: How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**  
 P: For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
**C: To him be glory forever. Amen.**

**EPISTLE:**

*Romans 7:1–13*

P: <sup>1</sup>Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.  
<sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.  
<sup>7</sup>What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had

not said, “You shall not covet.”<sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead.<sup>9</sup> I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.<sup>10</sup> The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.<sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.<sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.


C: Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA and VERSE:**

(LSB 205)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL:**

*Matthew 10:34–42*

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

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

P: <sup>34</sup>[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup>And whoever gives one of these little ones even a

cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

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**

**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**

**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:** *“We Come to Praise You”*

- 1. Heavenly Father, we come to praise You, and to say thank You here in our song,  
For all the gifts You give through Your kindness, Showing Your love, forgiving our wrong.*
- 2. Jesus, our Savior, we love and follow, For all the blessings You died to share;  
Life and salvation we have forever, Trusting Your mercy, knowing Your care.*
- 3. Comforting Spirit, move us to worship, Showing Christ's love in all that we do.  
Help us to serve our brothers and sisters, Knowing the off'ring's given to You.*

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

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower” (LSB 694)



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I  
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my  
 3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance  
 4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me  
 5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my  
 best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -  
 hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly  
 nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would  
 love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I  
 ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I  
 giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee  
 stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my  
 sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.  
 love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
 that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.  
 na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!  
 sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

SERMON

OFFERTORY:

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” (LSB 655)



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(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.

✠ favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields

✠ for Owen Ralph Liefer, son of Kory & Natalie (nee Ruebke) Liefer, as he comes to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 28

*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 208-212ff.

**PREFACE:**

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 good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS:**

*(page 208)*



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and you justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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. A-men.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND THE PAX DOMINI:**

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."

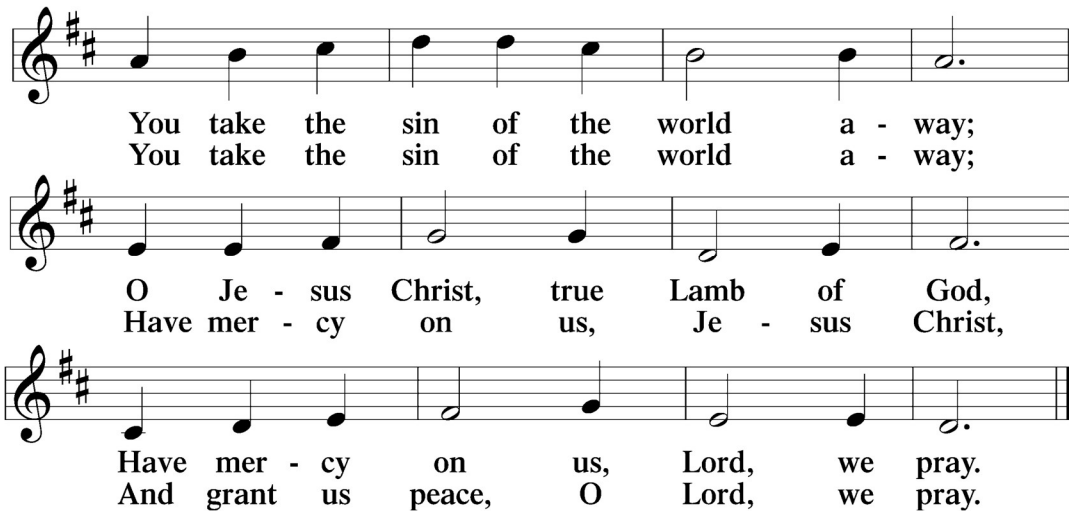
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **A-men.**

**AGNUS DEI:**

*(page 210)*

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



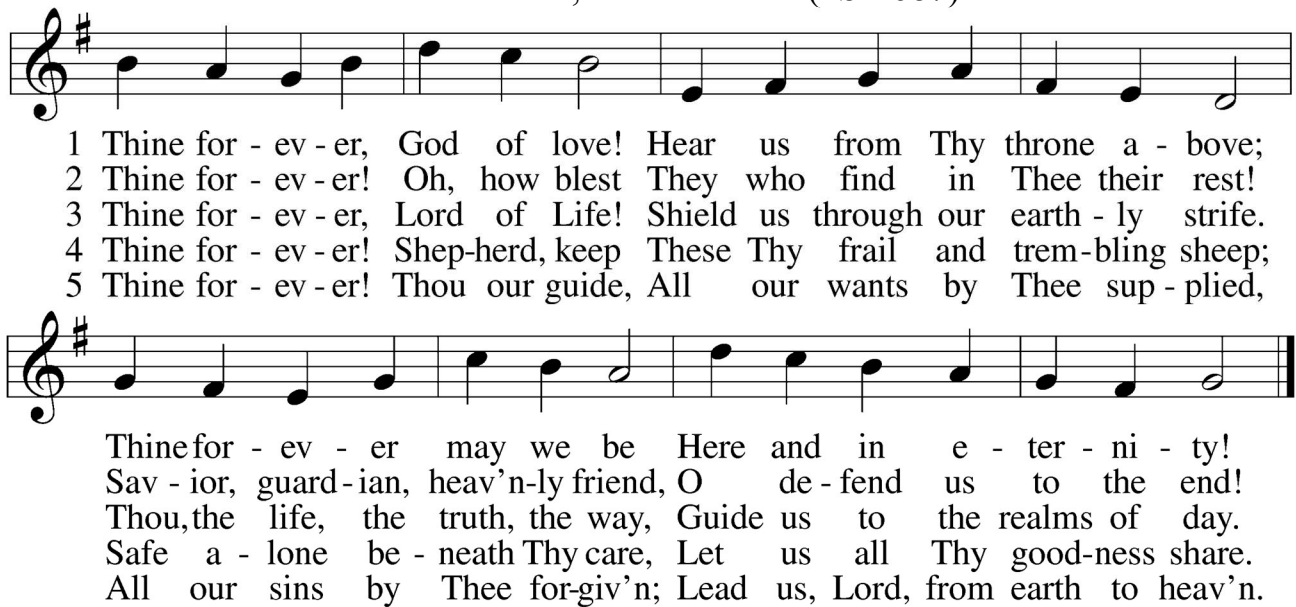
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** *(please be seated)*

“Thine Forever, God of Love” (LSB 687)



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;  
 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!  
 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.  
 4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;  
 5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,

Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!  
 Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!  
 Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.  
 Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good - ness share.  
 All our sins by Thee for - giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

“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.

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” (LSB 617)



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



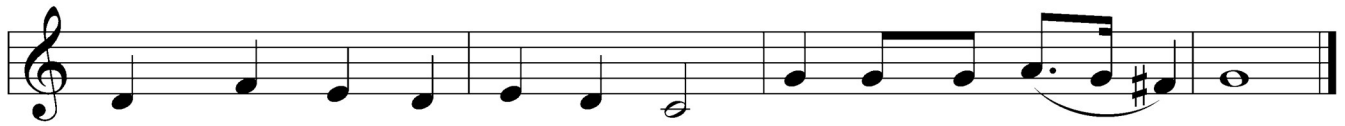
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:**

“Nunc Dimittis” (LSB 211)



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:**

P: Let us pray.

P: 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.

**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 HYMN:**

*“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (LSB 739)*

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
 When my life is al - most gone,  
 And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

**POSTLUDE:** *“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”* *arranged by Philip Gehrig*

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***This Week with Our Lord, June 28-July 5, 2026***

SUNDAY, June 28-

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Monday, June 29-

Tuesday, June 30- *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, July 1-

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 with Holy Communion

Thursday, July 2-

Friday, July 3- *Office Closed (Holiday Observed)*

Saturday, July 4- *Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, America!*

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Sophia Zeiger

SUNDAY, July 5-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Emma Guebert

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Lucy Kuehn

### **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).*

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

June 20-21: Worship: 285; Communion: 124; Adult Bible Classes: 42; *No Sun. School*

June 23-24: Women's Bible Study: 13; Bible Recap: 17; *No Chapel*

June 24: Worship: 22; *No Communion*; June 26: *No Chapel*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 6/21/26- General: \$26,096.20; School: \$150.00.

### **VOTERS' MEETING:**

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

### **EPISTLES:**

Paper copies of the July 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 August Epistle, please send an email to the office by **July 24!***

### **FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:**

✠ The flowers on the pedestal today are given in honor of Owen Liefer's baptism by the Ruebke and Liefer families

✠ 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.

### **HOLY BAPTISM:**

✠ We welcome Owen Ralph Liefer into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the late Sunday service. He is the son of Kory & Natalie (nee Ruebke) Liefer. His baptismal sponsors are Kyle Liefer & Kris Liefer. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

**6/28-** Richard Moeller, Norman Bievenue, Melissa Henry, Lisa Keller, Angela Cooper, Brady Hartmann; **6/29-** June Lawrence, Wayne Ellner, Jr., Kenneth Langrehr, Kimberly Schlueter, Brandon Voss; **6/30-** Zac Carnahan, Sara Hewitt, Maggie DuFrenne; **7/1-** Diane Kunkelmann, Wayne Liefer, Duane Liefer, Regina Guebert; **7/2-** Kimberly Ellis, Kirk Uffelmann, Travis Oettle; **7/3-** James Guebert, Kathleen Brunkhorst, Madison Eden, Connor Bumann, Jozlynn Palm.

### **NOTICE FROM CITY OF RED BUD – CONSTRUCTION WORK:**

The City of Red Bud has hired a contractor to do some asphalt patching and resurfacing on the following streets: E.S. 1st St. to E.S. 6th St., W.S. 1st St. to W.S. 3rd St., and S. Oak St. Due to this construction, there may be some temporary street closures and limited access. This work is scheduled to start mid-to-late next week (7-1-26 to 7-3-26) and will take approximately 2-3 weeks for all work to be completed. Please make any arrangements necessary to park vehicles outside of the work areas. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Joshua Eckart at (618) 282-3339 or [superintendent@cityofredbud.org](mailto:superintendent@cityofredbud.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!!

### **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).

### **CONVENTION DELEGATES:**

Synod Convention is coming soon, July 18-23. Our delegates are Rev. Lyle Buettner (New Athens) and Mr. Larry Erdmann (Prairie). Larry's email address is [lerrdmann58@hotmail.com](mailto:lerrdmann58@hotmail.com). You are welcome to reach out and ask questions or discuss items with your delegate before the convention. Our DCE Bill Becker will be in attendance, also, in an advisory: commissioned role. Keep all our delegates in your prayers that our Synod may walk together to the glory of God.

## **LCMS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PROCESS CONCLUDES:**

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, having received more than 50% of the votes cast, is the president-elect of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) for a sixth term of office, 2026–2029.

In the third round of voting, a total of 5,038 votes were cast, constituting a vote percentage of 92.0% of the electorate. (The vote percentage was 85.4% in the first round and 88.4% in the second round.)

The result of the third ballot tallied and reported to the secretary of the Synod by Yes Elections is as follows:

- Harrison was voted president-elect with 2,524 votes (50.1%);
- The Rev. Dr. Joel D. Biermann received 2,414 votes (47.9%); and
- The Rev. Benjamin T. Ball received 100 votes (2.0%).

[lcms.org/convention/elections](http://lcms.org/convention/elections).

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### **Serving Us in Worship Today**

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Aubrey Valleroy; (8 a.m.) Addison Breier; (10:30 a.m.) Kelly Pollard

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Chris Doerr & Lisa Quinn

(10:30 a.m.) Jim & Judy Guebert

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

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