

PRELUDE: "On What Has Now Been Sown"

arranged by J. Wayne Kerr

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

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

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (LSB 901)

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be
en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee
Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the
is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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

"See This Wonder in the Making" (LSB 593, use pronoun "them" in v. 3)

1 See this won - der each 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.

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM: (10:30 a.m.)

(LSB 268)

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION: (10:30 a.m.)

(LSB 272-274)

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 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8

The Lord is merciful and | gracious,*
As for man, his days | are like grass;*
for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,*

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
he flourishes like a flower | of the field;
and its place knows | it no more.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who | fear him,*
and his righteousness to children's | children,
to those who keep his | covenant* **and remember to do his com- | mandments.**
The Lord has established his throne in the | heavens,* **and his kingdom rules | over all.**
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.**
The Lord is merciful and | gracious,* **slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

KYRIE:

(LSB 204)



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Gloria in Excelsis" (LSB 204)



C 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 - shipped 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: **Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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: *(10:30 a.m.)* “Speak, O Lord”

Summer Singers

1. *Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.*
2. *Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief.*
3. *Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, as Your Church is built and You fill the earth with Your glory.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 55:10–13

P: ¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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 8:12–17

P: ¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of

God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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 13: 1–9, 18–23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

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

P: ¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who

hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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.

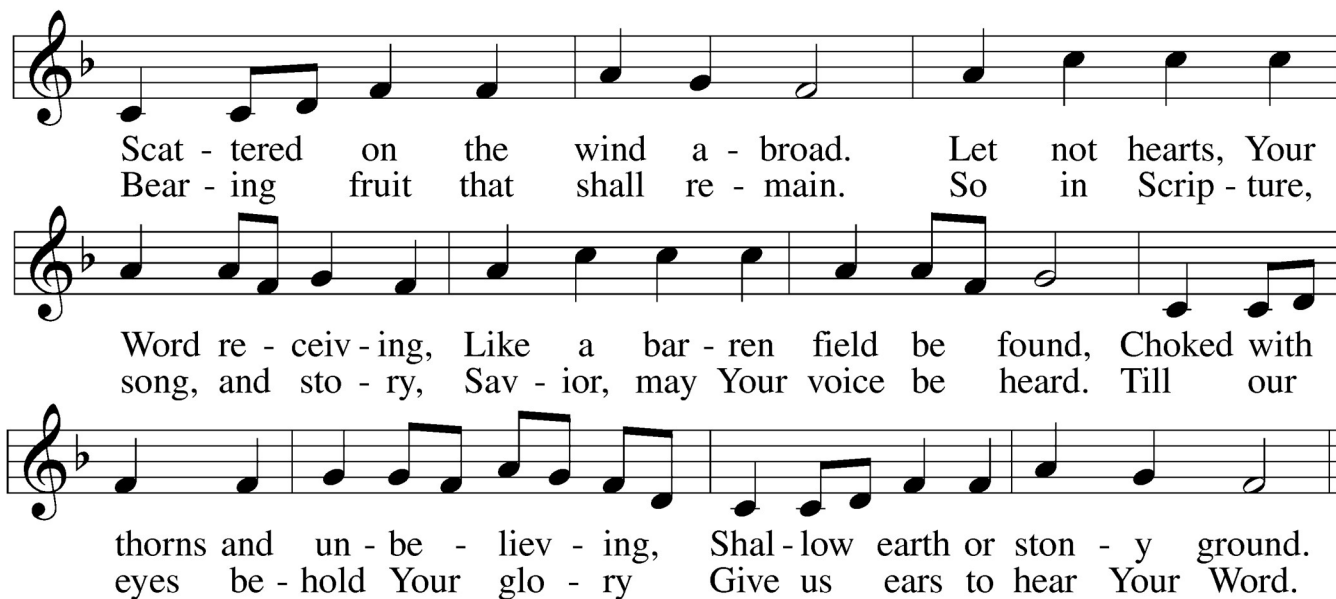
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission 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:

“Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing” (LSB 584)

1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the

Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

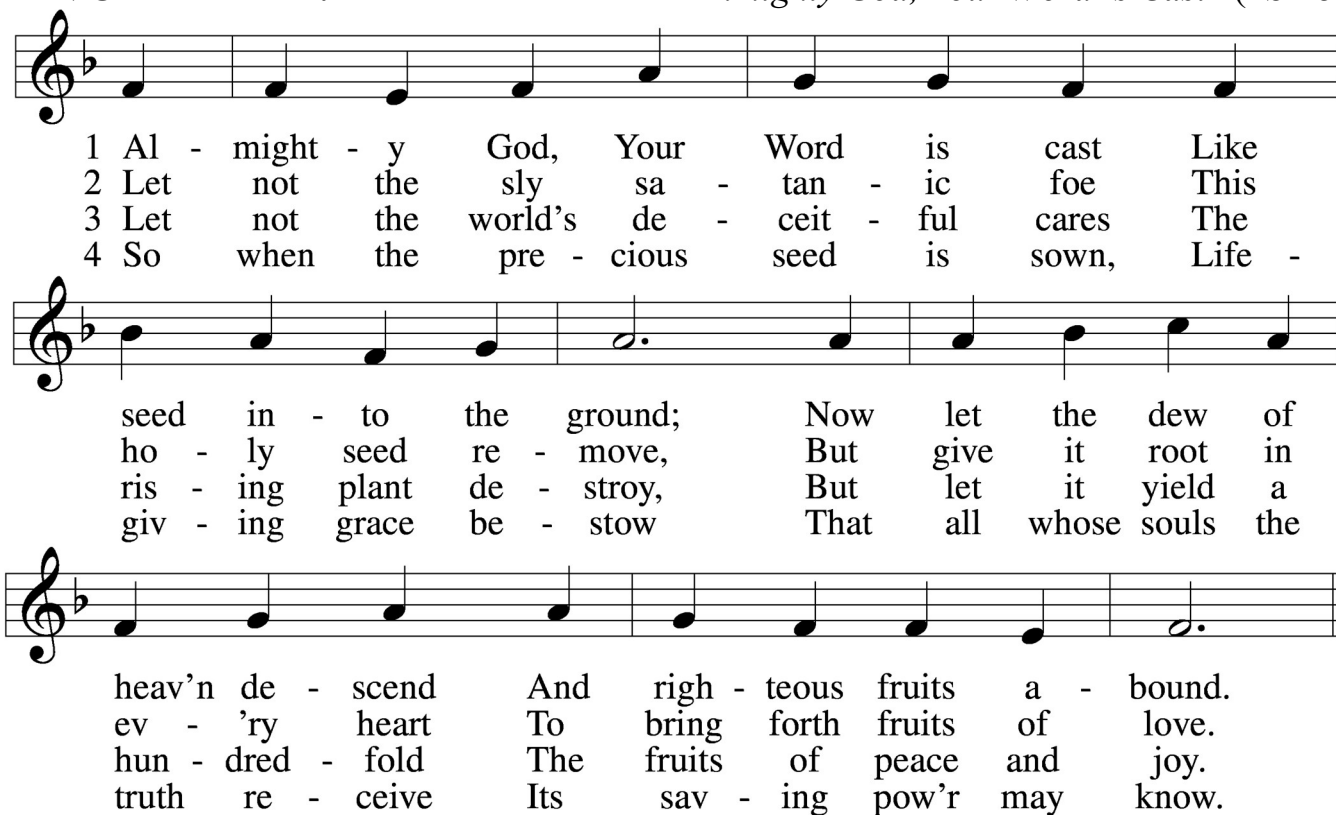


Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,
Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our
thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" (LSB 577)



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -
seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the
heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

SERMON

OFFERTORY:

“On What Has Now Been Sown” (LSB 921)



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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, Stanley Langrehr, Kortney Moll, Norma Preston, 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, Carey Coffman, 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.

✠ for Paxton Dean Merideth & Savannah Phelps, as they come to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 12

✠ Rite of Confirmation for Savannah Phelps on Sunday, July 12

✠ LCMS Synodical Convention begins on Saturday, July 18

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.**

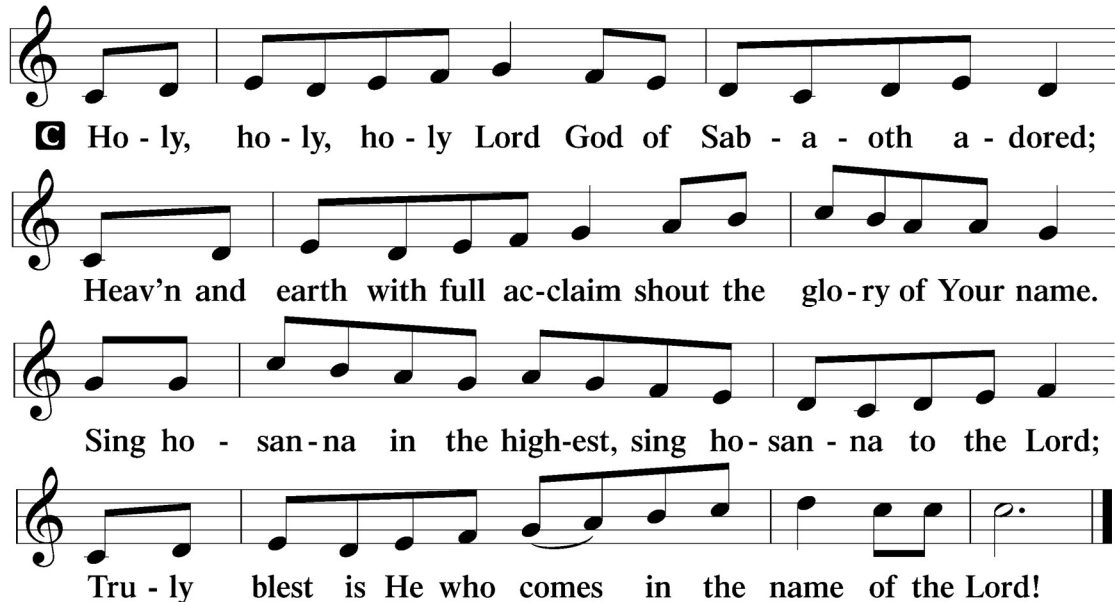
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 us, 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)

"Word of God, Come Down on Earth" (LSB 545)

1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -
heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing” (*LSB* 620)



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: “Come and taste the bless - ed feast.”
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.

- 6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

“Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing” (LSB 691)

1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till
 and in - crease, loves to bless; and our goal, har - vests cease;
 Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing, Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 Teach us, as the years fly fast - er, Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,
 Rich in love and joy and peace.
 Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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 lead 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.

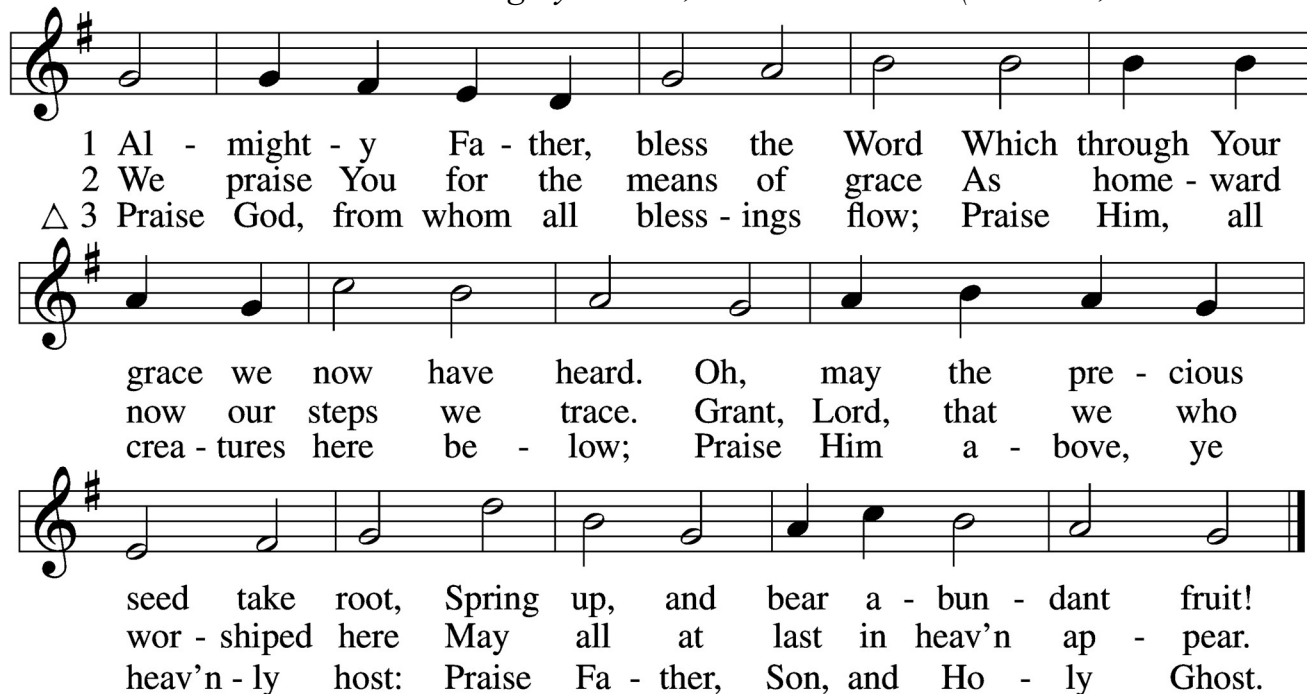
C: Thanks be to God.

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:

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word" (LSB 923, remain standing)



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
Δ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye
seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

POSTLUDE: *"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"*

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This Week with Our Lord, July 12-19, 2026

SUNDAY, July 12-

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Summer Singers Sing in Service

Monday, July 13- *Pastor Nowak on Vacation 7/13-7/19*

Tuesday, July 14- *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 15-

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

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

4:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, July 16-

Friday, July 17-

Saturday, July 18- *LCMS Synodical Convention begins Phoenix, Arizona*

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Kellen Herriman

SUNDAY, July 19-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Sydney Krick

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Lauren Mehring

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. *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:

July 4-5: Worship: 274; Communion: 115; Adult Bible Classes: 38; *No Sun. School*

July 7-8: Women's Bible Study: 10; Bible Recap: 16; *No Chapel*

July 8: Worship: 32; *No Communion*; July 10: *No Chapel*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 7/5/26- General: \$19,835.00; School: \$150.00; Debt Elimination: \$200.00; Church Basement Project: \$15,606.82.

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:

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 Paxton Dean Merideth & Savannah Phelps into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the later Sunday service. Paxton is the son of Jordan Merideth & Savannah Phelps. His baptismal sponsor is Jamie Cobb. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

7/12- Arlou Papenberg, Glenn Gielow, Kevin Roy, Samantha Wilson, Harper Bingel; **7/13-** James Cox; **7/14-** Brenda Malott, Susan Harbaugh, Rachael Guebert, Waylynn Ebers; **7/15-** Lori Colbert, Connie Kueker-Tripp, Candace Sondag, Kenadee Crafton, Case Uffelmann; **7/16-** Olivia Schmitz, Patty Schnepel, Devon Albert, Timothy Liefer, Eric Guebert, Kristopher Liefer; **7/17-** Austin Kiefer; **7/18-** Patricia Liefer, Tina LaChance, Shelli Adams, Becky Biffar, Alicia Burmester, Emery Hollis, Hadley Bingel.

SUMMER SINGERS: **Note Date Change for August**

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 16th @ 8:00am**. 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!!

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 - 15th**. To sign up please email Reagan Birkner at rbirkner@stjohnsredbud.org.

VOLUNTEERS FOR PAINTING:

We are in need of volunteers who are willing to help paint our church basement. This project needs to be completed prior to August 31st. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office at 618-282-2394 or email office@stjohnsredbud.org. Thank You!

DONATIONS FOR BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM:

Our Before & After School Care Program is looking for donations of art supplies and games to help keep our children engaged, creative, and having fun!

- Crayons, markers, colored pencils
- Construction paper, craft supplies, glue, scissors and coloring books
- Board games, card games, and puzzles
- Other age-appropriate activity supplies

Donations can be dropped off at the daycare Monday- Friday 6:00am-5:30pm

Amazon Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guestview/3RUPPERZNFUL?ref=cm_sw_r_apin_ggr-subnav-share_9W6RZZ330H7N4WTJZG2K&language=en-US

Every donation, big or small, helps provide enriching experiences for the children in our program. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Please reach out to Courtney Schoenbeck with any questions cschoenbeckstjohnsredbud.org.

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. (Hebrews 1:1–2)

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: (*Sunday*) Rev. Mark Winkelman; (*Saturday*) Rev. Brian Nowak

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

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Landon Bumann; (8 a.m.) Blake Horrell; (10:30 a.m.) Brody Rahn

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

(10:30 a.m.) Gerald & Jill Hanebutt

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

Flower Servers: Rebekah & Christine Liefer Paraments: Irma Birkner