

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 19, 2026**

*10:30 a.m. Alternative Service*

*St. John's Lutheran Church*

**Red Bud, Illinois**

**PRELUDE:** "New Songs of Celebration Render"

*arranged by Valerie E. Floeter*

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

**OPENING SONG:**

"Father Welcomes" (LSB 605)

*Refrain*

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly  
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,  
Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

*Refrain*

Mer - cy for your sin.  
Shall be born a - gain.  
Live in the peace of God.

**THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM:**

(LSB 268)

**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 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6*

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; **listen to my plea for grace.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; **unite my heart to fear your name.**  
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, **and I will glorify your name forever.**

For great is your steadfast love toward me;

**you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,  
**and they do not set you before them.**

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

*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.*

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; **listen to my plea for grace.**

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

*(LSB 204)*

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

**SONG OF PRAISE:**

*“We Shall Not Be Moved: Psalm 1” (please remain standing)*

1. *How blessed are the ones who never walk within the place where wicked scoffers talk.*

**Refrain:** *We're like a tree that's planted by the water. We shall not be moved!  
We shall not, we shall not be moved! We shall not, we shall not be moved!  
We're like a tree that's planted by the water, We shall not be moved!*

2. *Our joy is in the statutes of the Lord, And night and day we ponder on the Word.*  
**(Refrain)**

3. *The wicked shall not stand the judgment day, But like the chaff they'll all be blown away.* **(Refrain)**

4. *Sing glory be to God, the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, ever three in one.*  
**(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, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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:**

*Isaiah 44:6–8*

P: <sup>6</sup>Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. <sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

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 8:18–27*

P: <sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SONG:**

*“Oh, Sing to the Lord”*

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

## HOLY GOSPEL:

*Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

P: <sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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

## OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

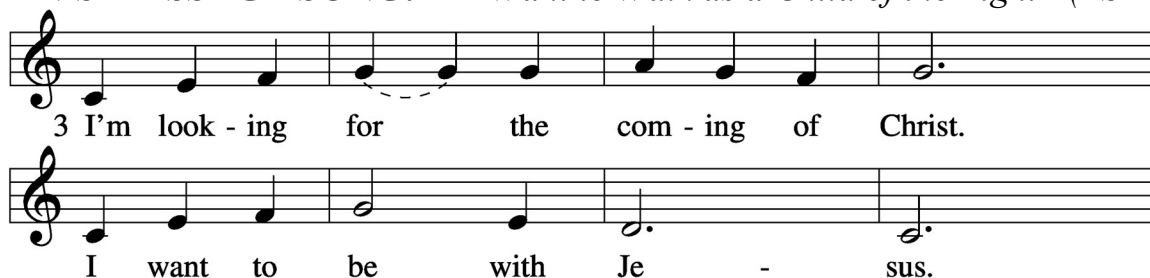
*Apostles’ Creed (p 207)*

**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:** *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (LSB 411, v. 3)*





When we have run with pa - tience the race,

We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

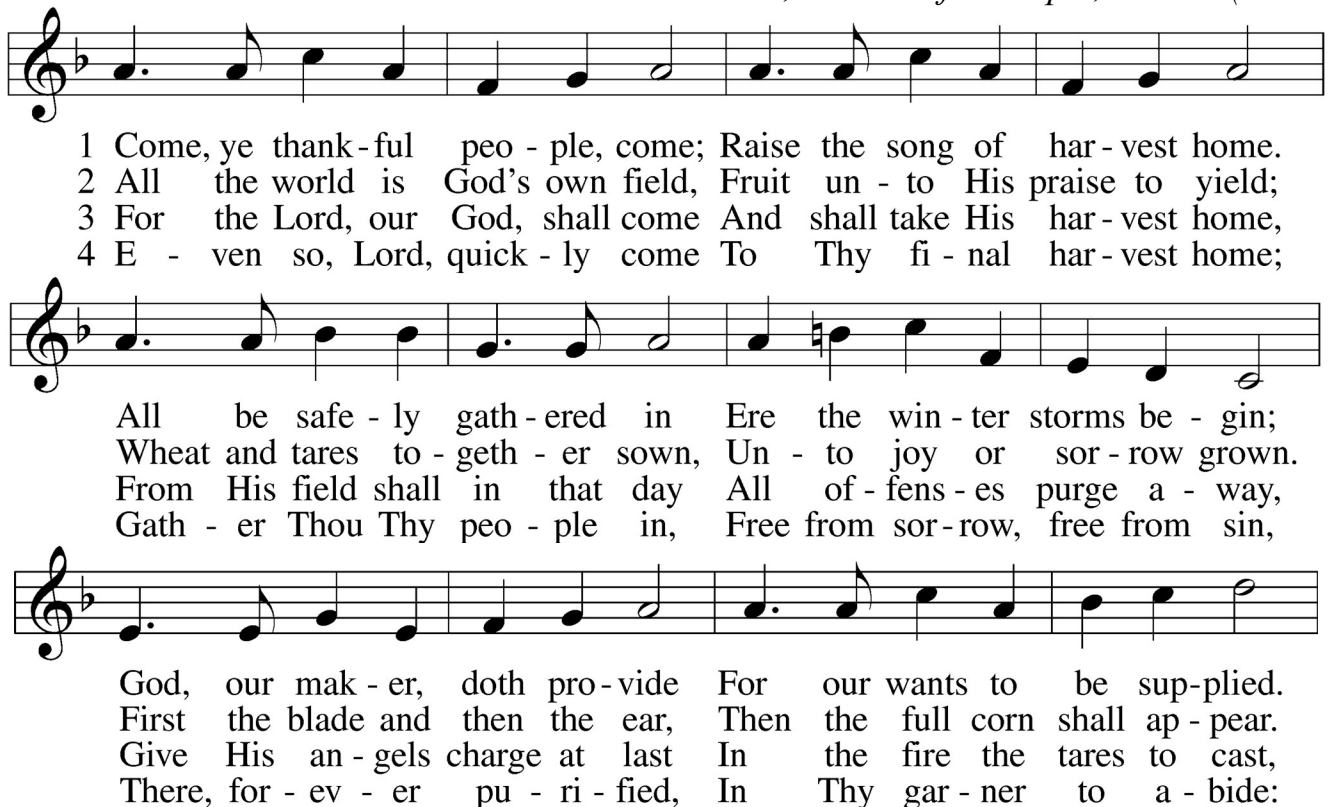
The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SONG OF THE DAY:

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (LSB 892)*



1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;

All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,  
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
 There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.  
Lord of har-vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.  
But the fruit-ful ears to store In His gar-ner ev-er-more.  
Come with all Thine an-gels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

## SERMON

### SONG OF RESPONSE:

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (LSB 809)*



1 Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther;  
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest,  
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,



There is no shad-ow of turn-ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove  
Thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang-est not: Thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness  
Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



*Refrain*

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!



Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;



All I have need-ed Thy hand hath pro-vid-ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

**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, 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 Eleanor Josephine Smith, daughter of Joseph Smith & Adrienne (nee Koenig) Hagan, as she comes to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 19

✠ for Elowyn Elaine Hagan, daughter of Christian & Adrienne (nee Koenig) Hagan, as she comes to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 19

✠ for Callen Arbie Seibold, son of Zachary & Kelley (nee Thies) Seibold, as he comes to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 19

✠ LCMS Synodical Convention started on Saturday, July 18

**OFFERTORY:**

*“For the Fruits of His Creation” (LSB 894)*



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our  
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,  
world-wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,  
won - ders that as-tound us, For the truths that still con-found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, Thanks be to God.  
In the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.  
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

## 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:

*“The Pearly White Gates”*

**Verse 1:** *I dream of a house, it's beautiful there with streets of gold, young and old,  
And joy ev'rywhere. It's Heaven, it's Heaven. 'Cause He made it for you,  
And He made it for me. Jesus gave His life so we can see.*

**Chorus:** *The Pearly White Gates will open wide if we believe in Jesus Christ.  
All of God's children are welcome in this heavenly place.  
So when He calls me up I want to be inside of those Pearly Gates.*

**Verse 2:** *I know of this house but how about you? It's filled with God's grace,  
And Jesus loves you. It's Heaven. It's Heaven. 'Cause He made it for you,  
And He made it for me. Jesus gave His life so we can see. **(Chorus)***

**Bridge:** *La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la. La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la. La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.  
La, la, la, la, la.  
**(End with Chorus)***

**POSTLUDE:** “O Sing to God Above”

*arranged by Rachel Chapin*

*Instrumentalists: Lindsey and Jonathan Hudak, John Kellerhouse*

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### **This Week with Our Lord, July 19-26, 2026**

**SUNDAY, July 19-**

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class

**Monday, July 20-**

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in Library

**Tuesday, July 21- 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 22-**

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

7:15 p.m. 2nd Quarter Voter's Meeting

**Thursday, July 23- LCMS Synodical Convention ends**

**Friday, July 24- Epistle articles are due!!**

Saturday, July 25-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Jozlynn Palm

SUNDAY, July 26-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Henry Schnepel

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Cooper Wingerter

**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 11-12: Worship: 259; Communion: 61; Adult Bible Classes: 41; *No Sun. School*

July 14-15: Women's Bible Study: 14; Bible Recap: 17; *No Chapel*

July 15: Worship: 29; Communion: 25; July 17: *No Chapel*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 7/12/26- General: \$15,784.00; School: \$125.00; Debt Elimination: \$165.00; Church Basement Project: \$3,000.00.

**VOTERS' MEETING:**

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

**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 Eleanor Josephine Smith & Elowyn Elaine Hagan into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the early Sunday service. Eleanor is the daughter of Joseph Smith & Adrienne (nee Koenig) Hagan. Elowyn is the daughter of Christian & Adrienne (nee Koenig) Hagan. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

✠ We welcome Callen Arbie Seibold into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the later Sunday service. Paxton is the son of Zachary & Kelley (nee Thies) Seibold. His baptismal sponsor(s) are Cody & Abby McCarthy & Ryan & Chelsea Liefer. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

7/19- Ethan Fritsche, Natalie Korando, Savannah Horrell; 7/20- David Snyder; 7/21- Mark Guebert, Alan Piel, Chase Strong, Kolton Meier; 7/22- Ronald Burgdorf, Debra Schneider, Chad Crafton, Adam Ebers, Makayla VanEck; 7/23- Kenneth Voges, Nancy Liefer, Carol Gulley, Todd Minemann, Raymond Wagner, Maddox Rowold, Beckett Rowold, Hazel Westcott; 7/24- Kevin Mehring, Brandon Nehrt, Taylor Juengling, Fletcher Eggemeyer; 7/25- Ruth Rohlfing, James Gilpatrick, Taylor Pensoneau, Owen Liefer, Harper Mounts, Eliza Schrader.

### **QUILT MISSION PROJECT:**

Evening Guild will make mission quilts for the homeless and the needy on **Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a quilt-making day to assemble and tie quilts in the fellowship hall. Everyone can tie a knot for this worthwhile mission project. Young and old! Plan now to work an hour or help all day. Times are 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday starting **August 11 and 12** at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. If interested in attending and want to know more contact Chris Doerr at 618-343-5329 or [chrisdoerr9@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdoerr9@gmail.com).

### **SUMMER SINGERS: \*\*Notice Date Change\*\***

During these summer months, the Summer Singers will be enhancing our worship services! We will sing on **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!!

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

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. (1 John 4:18)

### **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](mailto:office@stjohnsredbud.org). Thank You!

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

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Kellen Herriman; (8 a.m.) Sydney Krick; (10:30 a.m.) Lauren Mehring

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Cindy Steele

(10:30 a.m.) Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers

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

Flower Servers: Rebekah & Christine Liefer      Paraments: Irma Birkner



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## LOCATION

Red Bud High School  
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Red Bud, IL



## DATE & TIME

Tuesday,  
**JULY 28, 2026**  
**12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**



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