

PRELUDE: "Joyous Day!"

by John Leavitt

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

"Come unto Me, Ye Weary" (*LSB 684*)



- 1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
- 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
- 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
- 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
O cheer-ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;
Which, though we be un-wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1



He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High* **will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.**
I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my | fortress,* **my God, in | whom I trust.”**
Because you have made the Lord your | dwelling place—*

the Most High, who is my | refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,* **no plague come | near your tent.**
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.**
He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High* **will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.**

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 - 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: **Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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)**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Zechariah 9:9–12

P: ⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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 7:14–25a

P: ¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells

in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE:

(LSB 205)



HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 11:25–30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

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

P: ²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

(5 p.m. & 8 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.

(10:30 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.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (LSB 711, vs. 1 & 3)

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -

feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly

bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,

bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.

(10:30 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

HYMN OF THE DAY:

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

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.

Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest-ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav-'ling days are done.

SERMON

OFFERTORY:

"God Bless Our Native Land" (LSB 965)



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem-pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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, 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.

✠ those who mourn: family of Joan Prigge; died in the Lord on Friday, June 26

✠ those who mourn: family of Joshua Heller; died in the Lord on Monday, June 29

The 10:30 a.m. service continues with the Lord's Prayer, and a Closing Prayer.

(5 p.m. & 8 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.**

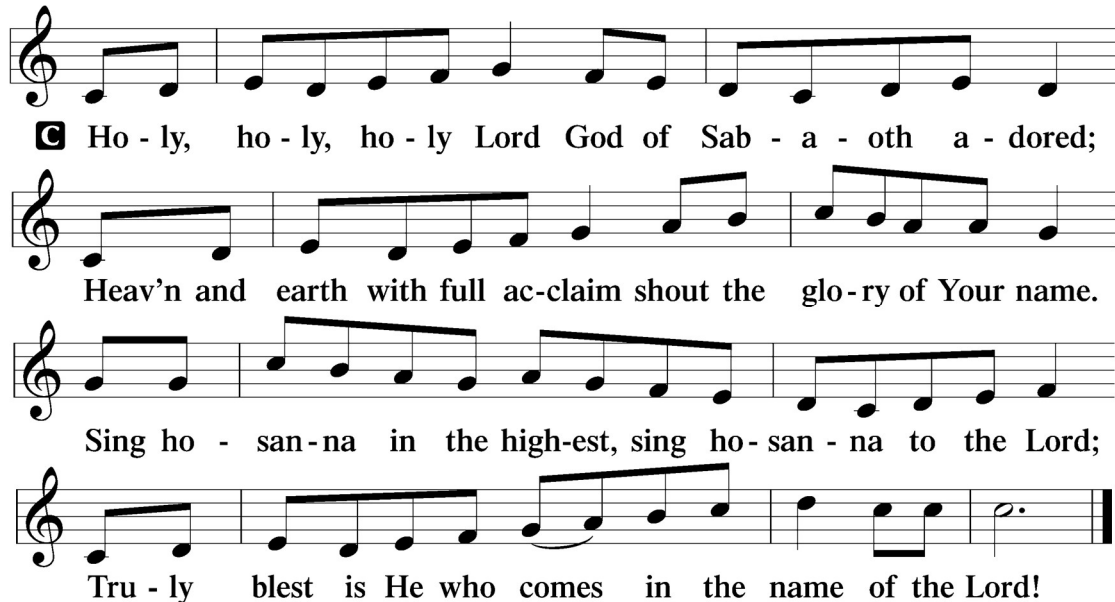
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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)

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (LSB 710)

1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
walk doth make With - in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol - low me; And in God's house for -

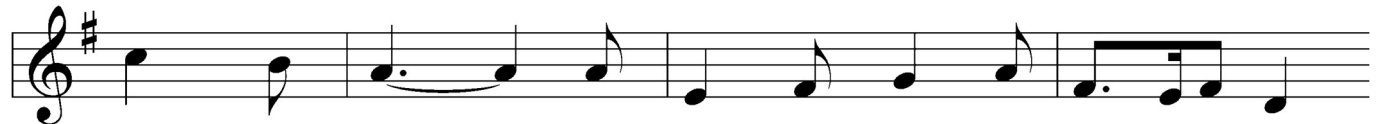


lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

“O Living Bread from Heaven” (LSB 642)



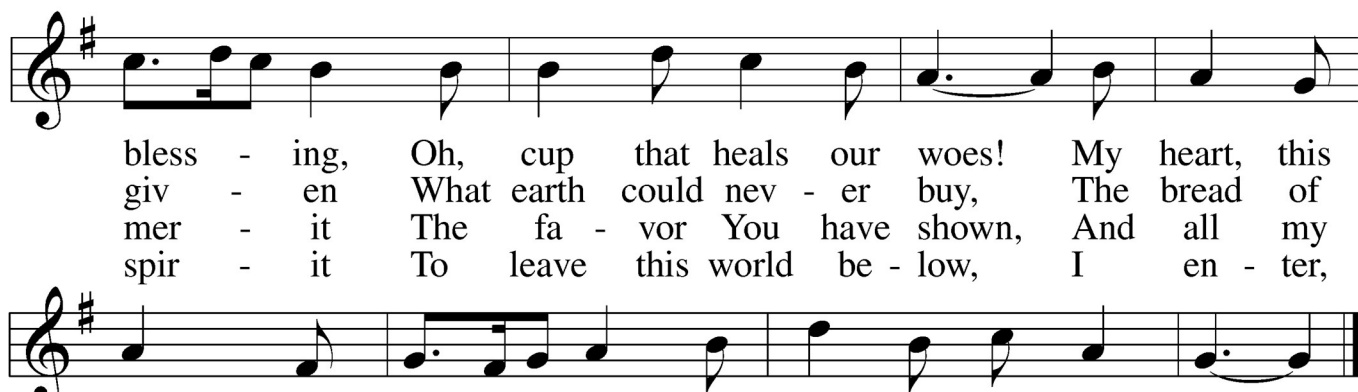
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,

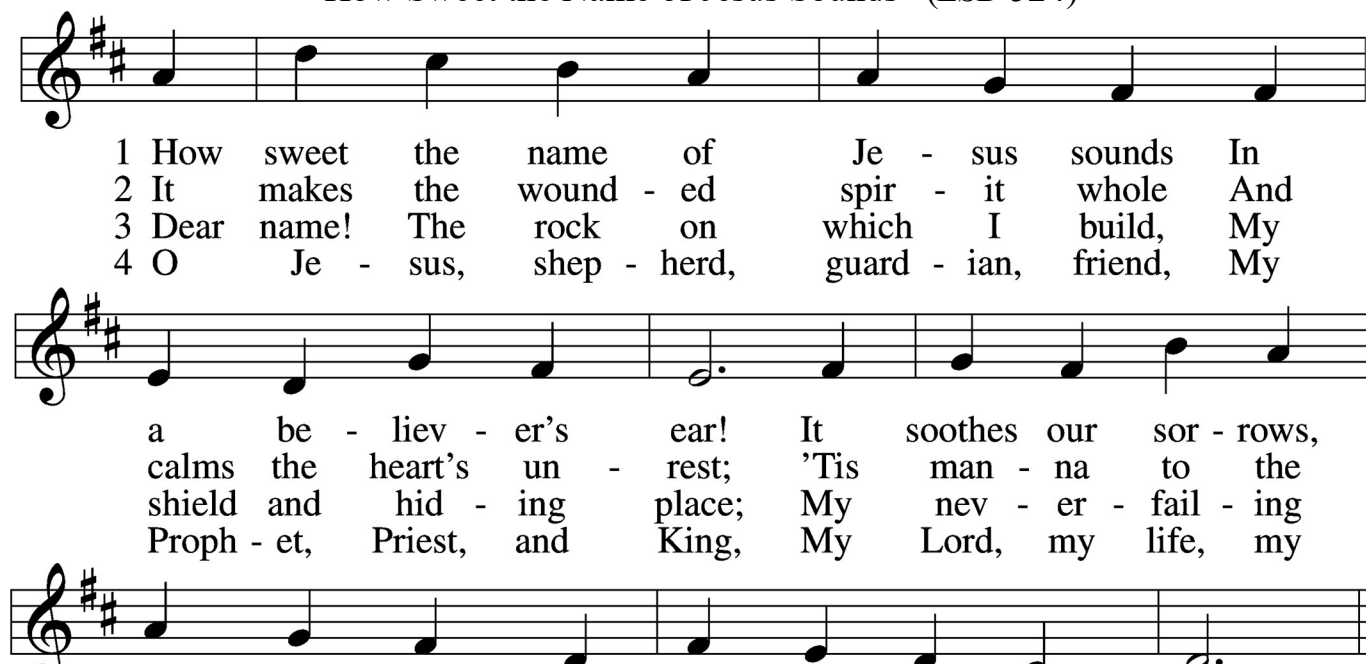


Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,
 gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” (*LSB 524*)



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My
 a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my
 heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
 way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
 How cold my warmest thought!
 But when I see Thee as Thou art,
 I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
 With ev'ry fleeting breath;
 And may the music of Thy name
 Refresh my soul in death!

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:

“Before You, Lord, We Bow” (LSB 966)



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

POSTLUDE: “Darwall’s 148th”

setting by Benjamin M. Culli

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This Week with Our Lord, July 5-12, 2026

SUNDAY, July 5-

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Monday, July 6-

7:00 p.m. Elder’s Meeting

7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, July 7- ***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 8-

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. to 6:30 p.m. Registration & Book Night

6:30 p.m. Divine Service

7:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting

Thursday, July 9-

Friday, July 10-

Saturday, July 11-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Landon Bumann

SUNDAY, July 12-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Blake Horrell

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Brody Rahn

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

Senior Youth Swim Party

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

June 27-28: Worship: 303; Communion: 86; Adult Bible Classes: 34; *No Sun. School*

June 30-July 1: Women's Bible Study: 10; Bible Recap: 14; *No Chapel*

July 11: Worship: 20; Communion: 17; July 3: *No Chapel*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 6/28/26- General: \$13,112.00; School: \$430.00; Basement Project: \$4,606.82.

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.

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).*

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

✠ We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Joan Prigge who died in the Lord last Friday at the age of 84 years. She received a Christian funeral here on Thursday, July 2nd. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

✠ We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Joshua Heller who died in the Lord Monday at the age of 41 years. He will receive a Christian funeral here on Monday, July 6th. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me. (John 5:39)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

7/4- Susan Guebert, Jeff Gulley, David Lucht, Dawn Booker, Ryan Dannenberg; 7/5- Martha Krick, Chrystal Kiefer, Jessica Stenzel, Ian Moll; 7/6- Megan Thien, Cason Cox, Charlotte Salger, Grahman Liefer; 7/7- Laura Lewis, Jeff Schrader, Bradley Koester, Dillon Kaesberg, Levi Beare, Emmett Cowell, Tyler Howie, Jacob Kuehner; 7/8- Sharon Guebert, Brandy Wagner, Becky Stellhorn, Jacob Miller, Jack Kennedy; 7/9- William Ratz, Joyce Carnahan, Kathy Rowold, David Reinhardt, Crystal Deterding, Lindsey Hudak, Tori Hoffman; 7/10- Nancy Holmstrom, Rick Ratcliff, Stacy Brunkhorst, Brittany Hollis, Kinley Macbeth, Abby Stellhorn; 7/11- Bruce Brundage, Steven Falkenhain, Lisa Muench, Meghan Fadler, Daulton Neuhaus, Alayna Moll.

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!!

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.

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.

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.

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

lerdmann58@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.

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Sophia Zeiger; (8 a.m.) Emma Guebert; (10:30 a.m.) Lucy Kuehn

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

(10:30 a.m.) Ron & Diane Kunkelmann

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

Flower Servers: Rebekah & Christine Liefer Paraments: Irma Birkner