

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING SONG:

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (LSB 770)



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM:

(LSB 268)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

(LSB 184)

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

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

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence to reflect on God's Word and self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

INTROIT:

Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8

The Lord is the strength of his people; **he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessèd be the Lord! **For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

GLORIA PATRI: *(spoken)*

(LSB 186)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE: *(spoken)*

(LSB 186)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

SONG OF PRAISE:

“Brothers and Sisters in Christ”

1. *Sing Alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend.*

Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior and King!

Here brought together by grace, We are gathered as friends in this place.

Refrain: *And assembled as one, in the name of the Son, Lifting hearts, lifting hands,
Celebrating as friends, And proclaiming the Lord, All our praises afford.*

We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

2. *Man walked alone and in need, Without faith, hope or promise or creed;*

Wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost;

That God in His mercy would save all His people from death and the grave. (Refrain)

3. *Lord, teach us how to proclaim all Your goodness, Your love and Your name!*

Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord, how to live.

Raising our voices in song, Help us tell all the world we belong. (Refrain)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 56:1, 6–8

P: ¹Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” ⁸The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

P: Fear the Lord, you his saints,

C: **for those who fear him lack nothing!**

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C: **but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

EPISTLE:

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

P: ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SONG:

“King of Kings”

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

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 15:21–28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: ²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Apostles’ Creed (*p 192*)

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:

“God Is So Good”

1. *God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me.*
2. *He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He's so good to me.*
3. *He answers prayer, He answers prayer, He answers prayer, He's so good to me.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY:

“In Christ There Is No East or West” (LSB 653)



1 In Christ there is no east or west,
2 With God there is no tribe or race;
3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name
4 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
 In Him we all are one. He loves us as His
 Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,
 What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther
 In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.
 hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!
 as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

SERMON

SONG OF RESPONSE:

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (LSB 809)

1. *Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.*

I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

2. *'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.*

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Chorus: *My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.*

And like a flood, His mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.

3. *The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures.*

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. (Chorus; sing twice)

4. *The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.*

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.

You are forever mine.

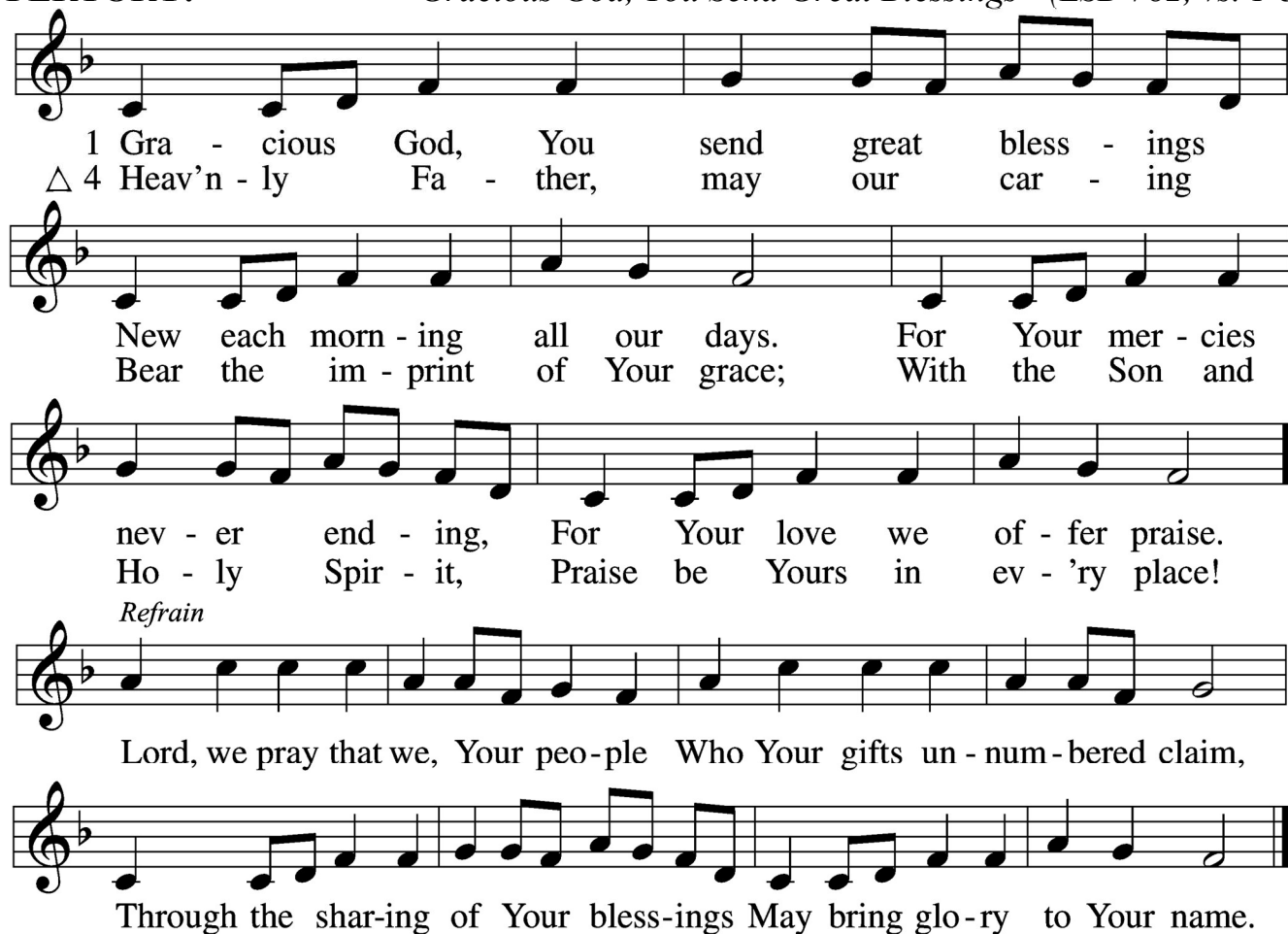
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(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, 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, Carey Coffman, Justin Fausz, Mary Gibson, Virgil Gramenz, Shirley Hartmann, Gerald Hitzemann, Rev. Russell Koen, Andrea Kuehner, Tyson Moonier, Virgil Palm, Ron Pflueger, Ted Stellhorn, Milton Theobald III, Matthew Vallett, Amy Winkelman, Roger Womack.

✠ for Jade Katherine Tudor, daughter of Devon & Skylar (nee Valleroy) Tudor, as she comes to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 16

✠ for Rev. Nowak & family as they deliberate his call to Good Shepherd in Frankfort, IL

OFFERTORY:*“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” (LSB 782, vs. 1 & 4)*


1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
 △ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
 Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and

nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,
 Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

THE LORD'S PRAYER and CLOSING PRAYER**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:***(LSB 202)***P:** Bless we the Lord.**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen, amen, amen.****CLOSING SONG:***“Jesus, You Saved Me”*

Verse 1: *It's the power of Jesus that gives me freedom.
 Through His grace, He shows me compassion.
 It's the power of the cross where I am forgiven.
 He is my hope, He promised me heaven.*

Chorus: *'Cause Jesus, You saved me! I'm alive and I am free, 'Cause you saved me!
 Now I'm who I'm meant to be, 'Cause you saved me!"*

Verse 2: *No one can stop what Your love started.
 'Cause You came to heal the broken-hearted.
 I pray for strength and I pray for wisdom.
 'Cause I'll be a witness for Your Kingdom. (Chorus)*

Bridge: *It's the power of Jesus that gives me freedom. (sing 4 times)
 (End with Chorus)*

POSTLUDE: “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

arranged by Marty Parks

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This Week with Our Lord, August 16-23, 2026

SUNDAY, August 16- *Rally Day for Sunday School*

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

10:15 a.m.-?? Sr. Youth BBQ @ school's parking lot

Monday, August 17-

6:00 –8:00 p.m. Grades 5th-8th Class Meetings in Cafeteria

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

Tuesday, August 18- *Pastor Winkelman's day off*

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

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

Wednesday, August 19-

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation

8:30 a.m. 3rd-8th Grade Chapel

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

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

1:35 p.m. Staff meeting

3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Divine Service

Thursday, August 20-

Zion BB Tournament

4:15 p.m. SB vs Evansville

Friday, August 21- *Epistle articles are due!!*

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, August 22-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Natalie Kassing

SUNDAY, August 23-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Blaine Rohlfing

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Charlie Liefer

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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

August 8-9: Worship: 345; Communion: 135; Adult Bible Classes: 44; *No Sun. School*

August 11-12: Women's Bible Study: 14; Bible Recap: 17; Opening Chapel: *not reported*

August 12: Worship: 33; Communion: 28; August 14: *No Chapel*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 8/9/26- General: \$13,075.25; School: \$200.00; Debt Reduction: \$165.00.

FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:

✠ The flowers on the pedestal today are given in honor of Jade Tudor's baptism by the Valleroy and Tudor 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

8/16- Joyce Lopez, Dion Chandler, Ty Voss; **8/17-** Kenneth Lohman, Rex Roehrkasse, Scott Liefer, Angela Junge, Cody Hess, Sophia Uffelmann; **8/18-** Leonard Koester, Randy Miller, Darren Liefer, Cameron Jackson, Carter Maloney, Rilynn Grohmann; **8/19-** Brian Guebert, Gil Stellhorn, Julie Stellhorn-Falk, Lanie Pensoneau, Tobias LaChance; **8/20-** Heather Voges-Hemmer, Kevin Zeiger, Alyssa Cowell, Logan Cowell, Acelynn Thien; **8/21-** Pamela Miller, Jason Langrehr, Chris Schield; **8/22-** Elsie Miller, Rebecca Junge.

HOLY BAPTISM:

✠ We welcome Jade Katherine Tudor into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in a later Sunday service. She is the daughter of Devon & Skylar (Valleroy) Tudor. Her baptismal sponsors are Tanner Valleroy, Paige Thomas, & Tessa Miller. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior. (Titus 3:4-6)

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY:

THIS Sunday, August 16 starts at 9:30 am. We will gather in the new gym, and weather permitting, we will be outside for fun and snacks. This will begin the tracking of perfect attendance for the first quarter.

BBQ FUNDRAISER – THIS SUNDAY:

The Senior Youth are having a BBQ on Aug. 16 starting at 10:15-? The menu will include pork steaks, brats, home sides of baked beans, potato salad, slaw, and mac. & cheese.

UPCOMING CLASS MEETINGS:

On **Monday, August 17**, there will be class trip/fundraising meetings. We will start at 6p.m. with 8th grade, 6:30p.m. for 7th grade, 7p.m. for 6th grade, and 7:30p.m. for 5th grade. All meetings will be in the school cafeteria. Please reach out to Mr. Becker with any questions.

BIBLE RECAP:

The Bible Recap class will not be meeting on August 18th or 25th. Class will resume on Tuesday, September 1st.

ACOLYTE TRAINING:

Acolyte Training will be held on **Wednesday, August 26** beginning at 4:15 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Students will sign up for the service times that they prefer to attend with their family. We will go over expectations and directions. We should finish by 5p.m. A new acolyte schedule will be ready by Sept. 2 class times.

SHOE COLLECTION BIN:

The Red Bud Lions Club collects LACED SHOES from **August 4-September 11th**. A donation bin can be found in the main lobby, and used shoes are welcome. Donations will benefit children in Africa, by supplying them with shoes. Please drop any donations off at school during normal business hours, Mon - Fri from 8-4. Thank you for your support in this opportunity!

SCHOOL CHAPEL SERVICES:

Wednesday morning chapel services will be held at 8:30am for 3-8 grades. Early childhood services for Daycare-2nd grade will be held on Friday mornings at 8:30am. Services will be typically held at church, weather permitting. Otherwise, services will be held in the school's new gym. If location changes, this will be communicated via Facebook and Remind for both chapel groups. Guests are welcome to attend!

SCHOOL CHAPEL OFFERINGS:

During the month of August, our chapel offerings will benefit Operation Barnabas. This is the LCMS' network of care to our Nation's Military members, families, and veterans. Chapel offering envelopes will be sent home for early childhood chapel each week. Please consider sending in a gift of any size. Thank You!

GIVING WALL EXPANSION:

Dear Church and School Families, we are excited to invite you to join the donors' wall in the New Gym Lobby. Each tile is a six-inch stainless-steel square that can be engraved with a message. The cost to add a tile to the wall is a \$500 donation. You can order by emailing office@stjohnsredbud.org. Once we have a specific number of orders, we will then start the process of collecting the message that you would like engraved on your tile.

CALLING ALL SENIORS TO SING:

Attention Seniors 55 and older... Please join us as we sing to honor this country as part of Red Bud's 250th celebration on **Saturday, August 29th** at 11:00 a.m. at Lincoln Park. Rehearsals will be held at St. Peter UCC in Red Bud at 7p.m. on **August 20th, and 24th**.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

If you forgot your check/cash and would like to give electronically you can through our St. John's app. Either download our app here: <https://tithely.app.link/stjohnsredbud> or scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet camera app. Once there, simply fill out the amount, choose the fund you are giving to (choose to cover the cost or not, your choice) and finish filling out the form to give. You can then set it up to give automatically if so desired.



COLLEGE KIDS

If you or your child/grandchild are heading off to college, Pastor Mark would like to keep in touch and help connect them to a local Lutheran church. The easiest way to do this is email or text Pastor: name, college attending, address and phone or email. He'll take it from there. (mwinkelman@stjohnsredbud.org 815.499.1135)

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Brian Nowak

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolyte: Amelia Cheek

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

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm

Communion Cloths: Breanne Mench

Flower Servers: Irma Birkner

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