

PRELUDE: (Saturday) "Christ Be My Leader" & "Immortal, Invisible" *Summer Ringers*
(Sunday) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *arranged by Stephen P. Johnson*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (LSB 802)



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,
In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;
Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see
Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM: (8 a.m.)

(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 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

Delight yourself | in the Lord,* **and he will give you the desires | of your heart.**
Commit your way | to the Lord;* **trust in him, and | he will act.**
He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,* **and your justice as the | noonday.**
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!

GLORIA PATRI:

(LSB 186)

☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The musical notation for the Gloria Patri is written on two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a double bar line.

KYRIE:

(LSB 186)

☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation for the Kyrie is written on two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a double bar line.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

“Glory to God in the Highest” (LSB 187-189)



P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)***

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Jeremiah 15:15–21

P: ¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

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 12:9–21

P: ⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink;

for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA:

(LSB 190)



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 16:21–28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: ²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Be Still, My Soul" (LSB 752)



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the
 3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der
 fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let
 dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His
 be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -
 noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
 love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your
 fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
 From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

SERMON

OFFERTORY:

(LSB 192-193)



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: David Blankenship, Mike DeRousse, Margaret Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Barbara Korves, Stanley Langrehr, Elsie Miller, 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, Pam Ehlers, 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.

- ✠ those who mourn: family of Delbert Kueker; died in the Lord on Wednesday, August 26th
- ✠ Wayne & Joyce Mesnarich’s 67th wedding anniversary on August 29th
- ✠ Kenny & Lori Langrehr’s 45th wedding anniversary on August 29th
- ✠ for Dylan Rose Durbin, daughter of Landon & Karly (nee Cartwright) Durbin, as she comes to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 30th
- ✠ wedding of Zachary Langrehr and Lorin Wolf on Monday, September 7th
- ✠ for Rev. Jacob Moore accepting the Call to serve our District as a Missionary Pastor
- ✠ for Rev. Nowak & family as they deliberate his call to Good Shepherd in Frankfort, IL

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: pages 194-202ff.

PREFACE:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Please let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS:

(LSB 195)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score for the Sanctus is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

(LSB 196)

Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;
and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

The musical score for The Lord's Prayer is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

(LSB 197)

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,

and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My bod - y, which is giv-en for you.

This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

PAX DOMINI:

(LSB 197)



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A - men.

AGNUS DEI:

(LSB 198)



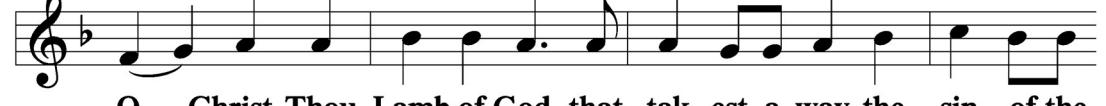
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



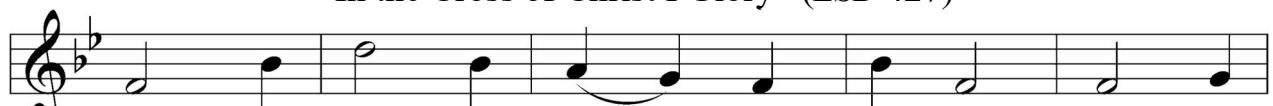
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (LSB 427)



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

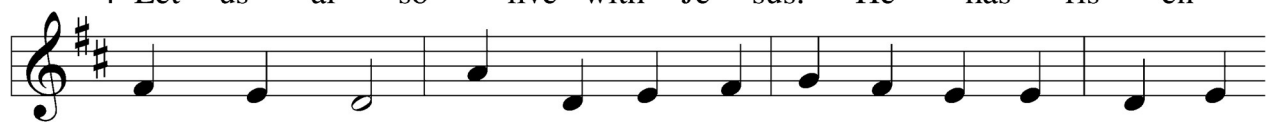


sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream-ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bid.

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” (LSB 685)



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bid; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

“What God Ordains Is Always Good” (LSB 760)

1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is
 2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er
 3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing
 4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my
 just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,
 will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,
 thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup
 friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm
 I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed
 And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent
 That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;
 Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know
 In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;
 What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness
 Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,
 Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly
 To Him, then, I will yield me.
 Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
 My life to Him com - mend - ing.
 That He has loved me dear - ly.

5 What God ordains is always good:
 Though I the cup am drinking
 Which savors now of bitterness,
 I take it without shrinking.
 For after grief
 God gives relief,
 My heart with comfort filling
 And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:
 This truth remains unshaken.
 Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
 I shall not be forsaken.
 I fear no harm,
 For with His arm
 He shall embrace and shield me;
 So to my God I yield me.

NUNC DIMITTIS : “Song of Simeon”

(LSB 199-200)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING:

(LSB 200)

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P: Let us pray. 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.**

SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:*(LSB 201-202)***P:** The Lord be with you.**C:** And with thy spirit.**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 HYMN:***“On Eagles' Wings” (LSB 727)*

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
3 You need not fear the _____ ter - ror of the night, Nor the
4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
fam - ine will bring you no fear;
ar - row that flies _____ by day; Though
guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: “My _____ ref - uge, My _____
Un - der His wings your _____ ref - uge, His _____
thou - sands _____ fall a - bout you,
on their _____ hands they will bear you up, Lest you



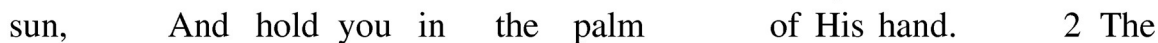
rock _____ in whom _____ I _____ trust!”
faith - ful - ness _____ your _____ shield.
Near you it shall _____ not _____ come.
dash _____ your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain

And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



arranged by Edward Broughton

This Week with Our Lord, August 30-September 6, 2026

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – *Volunteer Needed*

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 22-23: Worship: 372; Communion: 95; Adult Bible Classes: 50; Sun. School: 56

August 25-26: Women's Bible Study: 15; *No Bible Recap*; Worship: 50; Communion: 37

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 8/23/26- General: \$15,167.20; School: \$200.00.

FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:

✠ The flowers on the pedestal today are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Kenny & Lori Langrehr's 45th wedding anniversary. Flowers given with love by: Andrew, Jen, Liam, Amelia, and Ben Langrehr and Mark, Leslie, Austin, and Wyatt Froemling.

✠ 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:

8/30- Wayne Donjon, Tracy Vallett, Hailey Uffelmann; **8/31-** James Schneider, Mitchell Fleming, Brady Hemmer; **9/1-** Cheryl Walker, Chad Voss, Christopher Voss, Alex Quinn, Macie Brown, Ellie Stellhorn; **9/2-** Kimberly Herriman, Nancy Horrell, Tammy Kueker, Doreen Schnepel, Kara Wagner, Macey Liefer, Carson Moll, Amelia Cheek; **9/3-** Marilyn Oettle, Danny Moll, Savannah Johnson, Makennah Harless, Dallas Doeding; **9/4-** Jordyn Mulherin, Lena Heller; **9/5-** Mildred Liefer, Peggy Guebert, Kevin Guebert, Owen Koester, Morgan Grohmann, Claudia Watters.

HOLY BAPTISM:

✠ We welcome Dylan Rose Durbin into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the early Sunday service. She is the daughter of Landon & Karly (nee Cartwright) Durbin. Her baptismal sponsors are Blake Durbin & Emma Durbin. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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!

FREE COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY:

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo invites you to a FREE Community Block Party on **Saturday, September 12th** from 11am-3pm. There will be inflatables, food, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, quilt bingo, carnival games, balloon artist, & music. Come together to celebrate Immanuel's 125th anniversary and God's goodness in the community.

SONSHINE:

Sonshine Visits Meeting, **Sunday, September 13th** at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments to be served.

ADULT CHOIR:

Adult Choir will begin for the season on **Monday, September 14th**! We practice every Monday night at 7pm in the School Music Room for about an hour. Choir also sings 2 anthems in church twice a month, usually in the 8am Sunday morning service. (Though on Sunday, November 1st, we will sing at 10:30am instead.) **New Members are always welcome and appreciated!!**

TRIVIA NIGHT – HOSTED BY LIFE NETWORK OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS:

Life Network of Southern Illinois invites you to their Trivia Night at Waterloo High School Cafeteria on **Saturday, September 19th**. The doors will open at 5pm and trivia will start at 6pm. Tables are limited so call 618-939-4224 to reserve your table today! All proceeds will benefit Life Network.

EPISTLES:

Paper copies of the September 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 October Epistle, please send an email to the office by September 25!*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – CHURCH OPEN/CLOSERS

Have you been looking for a way to serve our church family? Consider becoming a part of our new team of volunteers (Mike DeRousse, Kim Ellis, Becky Biffar, Jamie Korando, Beth Diewald, and Justin Palm) who help prepare our building for our weekly worship services. This is a great opportunity for those who have a heart for service and prefer to work behind the scenes. Typical duties include: Unlocking doors and turning on lights, Adjusting heating and cooling, Updating hymn boards, Refilling candles, & Ensuring the building is securely closed after the service. No experience is necessary (training will be provided), and you would be scheduled on a rotating basis so the commitment is minimal. Your help will ensure a warm and welcoming environment for everyone who enters.

If you are potentially interested, please add your name to our list by contacting our church office at 618-282-3873 or by sending an email to office@stjohnsredbud.org. This is for information sharing purposes only and does not commit you to serving. We will simply use this list to gauge interest and provide more details on the responsibilities and rotation schedule, so you can decide if it's the right fit for you. Thank you for your consideration.

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like You, and there is no God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. (2 Samuel 7:22)

VOLUNTEERS FOR WORSHIP GREETERS

We need a couple or two individuals to serve as greeters on the 1st and/or the 3rd Saturday services, starting on **September 5th**. The only requirements, expectations, and duties are to stand for about 15 minutes, smile and greet people as they enter the church. If interested in either one of those two options or both, please contact the office.

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)

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.

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!

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (10:30 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Karys Papenberg; (8 a.m.) Presley Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Holden Wagner

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Kimberly Ellis & Addison Breier; (8 a.m.) Clyde & Kathy Rowold

(10:30 a.m.) Ron & Donna Burgdorf

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm

Communion Cloths: Breanne Mench

Flower Servers: Irma Birkner

Paraments: Irma Birkner