

PRELUDE: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (LSB 790)



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

Deliver me from my enemies, | O Lord!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

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.

KYRIE:

(LSB 186)

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

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

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: **O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

ANTHEM: *(8 a.m.)* “Blest Are They”

Grades 3-8 Choir

1. *Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God.*

Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled.

Refrain: *Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.*

2. *Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.*

Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill. (Refrain)

3. *Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.*

Blest are they, the pure of heart; They shall see God! (Refrain)

4. *Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.*

Blest are they who suffer in faith; The glory of God is theirs. (Refrain)

5. *Blest are you who suffer hate, All because of Me.*

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; Shine for all to see. (Refrain)

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Genesis 50:15–21

P: ¹⁵When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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 14: 1–12

P: ¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not

the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA:

(LSB 190)



HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 18:21–35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

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

P: ²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt

because you pleaded with me.³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(10:30 a.m.) Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:** “*Brothers and Sisters in Christ*”

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.

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.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” (LSB 843)

1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,”
2 How can Your par - don reach and bless
3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls

You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in

grant us grace To live the words we say.
will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owed to us, How great our debt to You!
bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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 -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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, Robert Kueker, Stanley Langrehr, Elsie Miller, Kortney Moll, Norma Preston, Bunny Schnepel, Mary Schultz, Eugene Stamm, Elroy & Carolyn Stellhorn, Trudy Woolbright; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members*: Andy Amann, Doug Burford, Carey Coffman, Pam Ehlers, Justin Fausz, Mary Gibson, Shirley Hartmann, Tina Heinemann, Gerald Hitzemann, Rev. Russell Koen, Andrea Kuehner, Tyson Moonier, Virgil Palm, Ron Pflueger, Ted Stellhorn, Matthew Vallett, Amy Winkelman, Roger Womack.

✠ for Rev. Jacob Moore accepting the Call to serve our District as a Missionary Pastor

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

✠ God's guidance of our upcoming pastoral vacancy

The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. service continues with the Lord's Prayer, and a Closing Prayer.

(10:30 a.m.) SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: pages 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.**

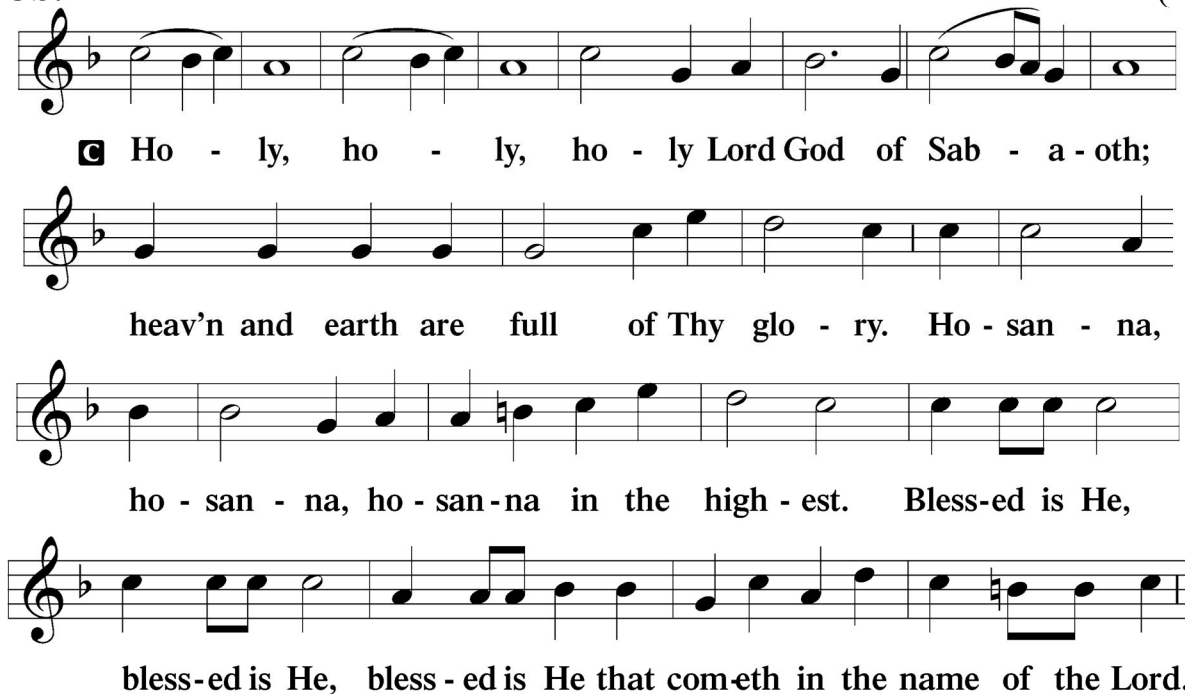
P: Please let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

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)



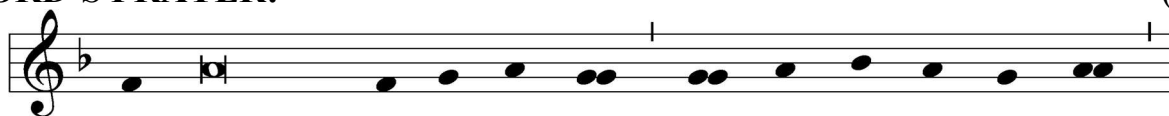
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



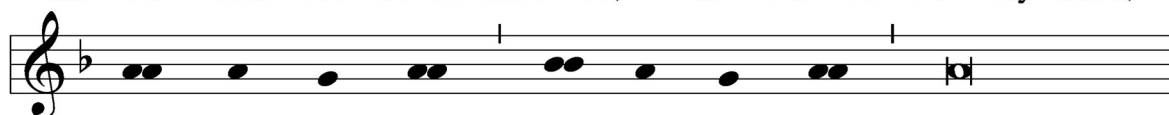
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

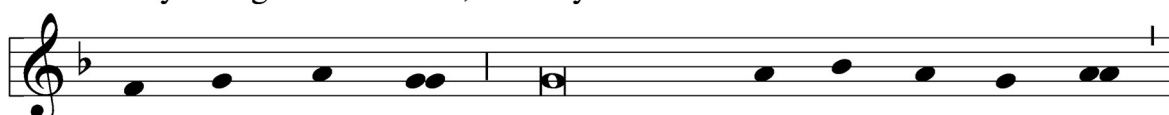
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P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



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



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.

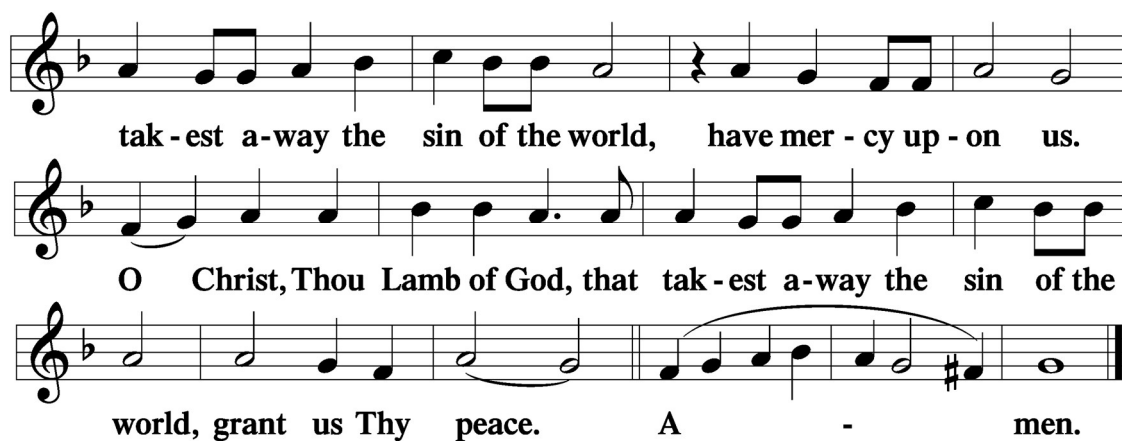
C A - men.

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*)

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul” (*LSB 814*)



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join

2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie

3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;

4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;

And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
 For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
 He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;
 He gives the suff'ers rest.
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud
 And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways
 He made by Moses known,
 But sent the world His truth and grace
 By His belovèd Son.

“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace” (*LSB 844*)



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace

2 Break down the wall that would di - vide

3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred

4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak

5 With Thine own love may I be filled



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;
Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.
By love - less act and thought - less word.
When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.
And by Thy Ho - ly Spir - it willed,



And in each per - son may I see
My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;
Make me to see the wrong I do
Should I my - self the vic - tim be,
That all I touch, wher - e'er I be,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.
Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.
Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.
May be di - vine - ly touched by Thee.

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” (LSB 611)



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



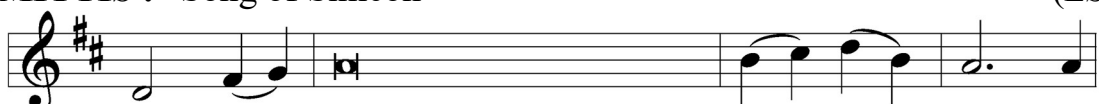
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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,



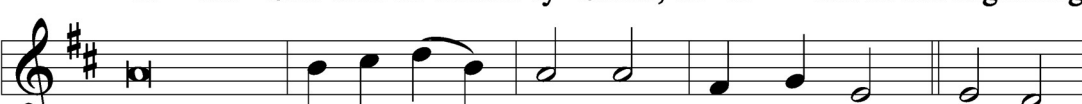
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



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.

C: Amen.

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This Week with Our Lord, September 13-20, 2026

SUNDAY, September 13-

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
12:00 p.m. Sonshine Meeting in Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m. Senior Youth Meeting

Monday, September 14-

4:14 p.m. BB/SB vs Valmeyer
7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice begins

Tuesday, September 15- *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
11 a.m. Cross Country Meet @ St. James Millstadt
4:15 BB/SB @ RBES
6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Potluck Supper in Fellowship Hall (***No Bible Recap Class***)

Wednesday, September 16-

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 with Holy Communion

Thursday, September 17-

4:00 p.m. Class of 2028 Yard Sale Begins
4:15 p.m. BB/SB @ RBES B-team
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Friday, September 18-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, September 19-

34th Annual Golf Tournament
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Camden Moll

SUNDAY, September 20-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Sam Schumacher
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Alexa Cheek

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:

September 5-6: Worship: 326; Communion: 159; Adult Bible Classes: 37; *No Sun. School*

September 8-9: Women's Bible Study: 18; Bible Recap: 17; Worship: 53; *No Communion*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 9/6/26- General: \$27,022.00; School: \$150.00; Debt Reduction: \$415.00.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

9/13- Teresa Unnerstall-Porter, Elsie Liefer, Isabella Wilson; **9/14-** Scott Voss, Brittany Schaefer, Crewe Wagner; **9/15-** Diana Burgdorf, Kyle Liefer, Blayton Sutton; **9/16-** Alice Hick, Jody Stapleton, Joshua Horner; **9/17-** Peggy Crafton-Hanebutt, Lori Moses, Allison Tribo, Emme Deterding; **9/18-** Barbara Homer, Danielle Shannon, Christian Hagan, Clint Schaefer; **9/19-** Dale Burmester, Nicole Bumann, Shamus Korves.

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR SEMINARY:

Concordia Seminary is in need of nice women's, children's, and men's dress clothing, toys, linens, and household items for their Re-Sale Shop. The LWML group is conducting a drive in September to assist the families at our seminary. Please place donated items in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Perfect Attendance for August- Pre-K3: Brynlee Gramenz, Crew Grohmann, Brooks Liefer, Eleanor Liefer, Lily Liefer, Clara Zeller; Pre-K4: August Guebert, Dallin Liefer, June Russell, Jacob Schrader; Kindergarten: Logan Gramenz, Cash Grohmann, Kullen Liefer, Attlee Thien; First Grade: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Nolan Liefer, Clarke Thien; Second Grade: Bennett Buch, Demi Grohmann, Ben Langrehr, Karlyn Meier, Eliza Schrader; Third Grade: Bentley Valentine; Fourth Grade: Madalynn Gulley, Kolton Meier; Fifth Grade: Kolton Liefer; Sixth Grade: Maggie Kuehn, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr; Seventh Grade: Aliviah Gulley, Henry Schnepel; Eighth Grade: Natalie Kassing, Lucy Kuehn. Thank you for your participation and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul. (Psalm 143:8)

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!!**

EVENING GUILD MEETING:

Evening Guild invites everyone to a salad potluck on **Tuesday, September 15**, at 6:00 p.m. to hear Jennie Williamson tell her story about The Saxon Lutheran Memorial in Frohna, MO.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Our 34th annual golf tournament will be held on **Saturday, September 19th** at North County Country Club. As in the past the tournament will be a four-person scramble with a 9 a.m. start. If you are interested in playing or have any questions, please contact Andrew Stellhorn via email andrew@wfdesignz.com or text at 618-334-3182. Registration forms are also available in the school office. All proceeds will benefit our school athletic fund.

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.

THE BIBLE RECAP – STARTING NEW TESTAMENT:

Did you start to read the Bible but had to stop? Did it just not seem like the right time? Maybe you just did not think you could make it all the way through. On **October 1st**, the Bible Recap group will begin the New Testament. If you currently have the Bible app and The Bible Recap plan attached to it, just start back up on October 1. If you would be new to the group, contact Lori Colbert at (618) 977-2826 and she will help get you set up.

THANK YOU TO CLASS OF 2026:

The 8th grade classroom and Mrs. Sachtleben would like to thank the Class of 2026 for the additional flex seating and the table that were purchased with their remaining class funds. Students in the upper grades will benefit from this class's generosity.

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 19th**. 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.

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 September offerings will benefit Give Me Water Lord. This organization is led by Mr. Vic Hamer and strives to provide clean drinking water to African nations that would otherwise go without. Chapel offering envelopes will be sent home for early childhood chapel each week. Please consider sending in a gift of any size. Thank You!

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.

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. To order, please scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet camera app or use this link: <https://forms.gle/6jDpHh2PktcAfLq28>. 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.



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Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618-581-5928

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Mark Winkelman

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

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) McKinley Florreich; (8 a.m.) Brewer Krick; (10:30 a.m.) Gavin Williams

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Kalin & Kathy Liefer

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

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Kathy Rowold Paraments: Ella Hemmer

80th Annual

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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Renault, Illinois

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

Dine In: Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Carry Out: Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

MENU:

*Pork sausage, mashed potatoes, milk gravy, sauerkraut, corn,
green beans, cranberry sauce, applesauce, apple butter,
homemade pies, coffee & lemonade*

ADULTS \$15.⁰⁰ – CHILDREN (6-12) \$7.⁰⁰ – CHILDREN (5 & UNDER) FREE (DINE IN ONLY)
(CASH OR CHECK ONLY)

COUNTRY STORE:

*Fresh Meat, Apple Butter, Home Baked Goods and Crafts in a
Beautiful Country Setting.*

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE DINING/RESTROOMS



34th Annual
**St. John's
Lutheran School
Golf Tournament**

**September 19, 2026 9am Shotgun Start
4-Person Scramble**

Entry Fee: \$320/team

Includes Golf & Cart, and Meal following the tournament

****Flighted Cash Prizes & Optional Skin Game****

All proceeds will benefit

St. John's Lutheran School Athletic Fund

North County Country Club, Red Bud, IL

Please contact Andrew Stellhorn for questions or to enter your team.

Email andrew@wfdesignz.com or text 618-334-3182.

Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran School

Player 1: _____

**** Hole Sponsor Opportunity, \$75**

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____