

PRELUDE: "Greet the Rising Sun"

arranged by J. Wayne Kerr

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

"Greet the Rising Sun" (LSB 871)



1 Greet the ris - ing sun, Shin - ing with bright force,
2 Fa - ther, hear my prayer, Keep me safe to - day;
3 Lord, I will to - day On Your love re - ly;



Like an ath - lete strong, Set to run the course;
Sanc - ti - fy my thoughts, All I do and say:
Let no e - vil thought Cloud the clear blue sky.



Birds soar high a - bove, Wild-flow'rs bloom be - low;
As I teach the young And es - teem the old,
Joy - ful and con - tent With life's sim - pler things,



With the day's new light, Glad to work I go.
May Your boun - teous grace By my life be told.
Know - ing all I need From Your kind - ness springs.

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 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*

and call on the name | of the Lord.

What shall I render | to the Lord*

for all his bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*

and call on the name | of the Lord.

Precious in the sight | of the Lord*

is the death | of his saints.

O Lord, I am your | servant;*

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.

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)

☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ 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: **Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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)**

ANTHEM: (8 a.m.) “God Be in My Head”

Choir

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be at my end and in my departing.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 55:6–9

P: ⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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:

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

P: ¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with

one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

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

P: ¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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:

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” (LSB 827)



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;
3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?”
Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de - scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God’s Word so rich - ly yields.
Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

SERMON

OFFERTORY:

(LSB 192-193)



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



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: David Blankenship, Mike DeRousse, Donald Fausz, 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. Nowak & family for accepting his call to Good Shepherd in Frankfort, IL

✠ God’s guidance of our upcoming pastoral vacancy

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)*

C 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 rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:*(LSB 196)*

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

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 rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple 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)

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains a melodic line of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The second staff contains a lower melodic line: G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3. The lyrics are: [P] The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways. [C] A - men.

AGNUS DEI:

(LSB 198)

Five staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: 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)

Anthem: (8 a.m.) "One in Christ and One in Spirit"

Choir

1. *One in Christ and one in Spirit, One in Christian unity.
From our Father we inherit Life with Him eternally.
Made anew in Word and water, Freed from death and cleansed from sin.
Perfect son and holy daughter, Hearts made pure and whole within*
2. *Christian sisters, Christian brothers, Reaching out to those in need,
We proclaim Good News to others as we boldly share our creed.
In our learning and our growing, We are strengthened in the Word.
In our coming and our going, We live out what we have heard.*
3. *One in Christ, now and forever, With one voice, we gladly sing.
Neither life nor death can sever Christians from their loving King.
As we learn of His salvation, May we tell of Jesus' grace,
To each future generation all all times, in ev'ry place.*

“Come, Let Us Eat” (LSB 626)



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,



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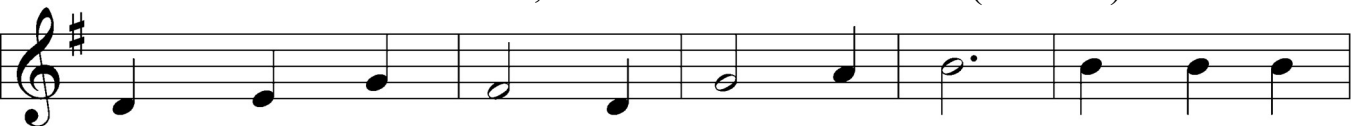


Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,



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 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom.

“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed” (LSB 560)



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

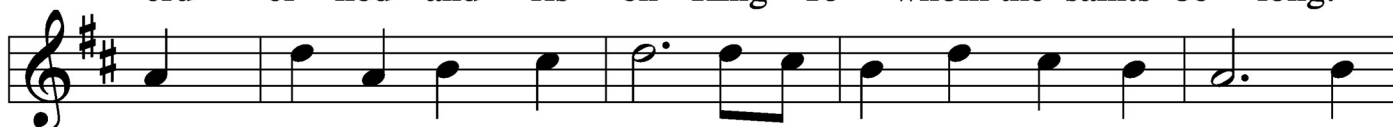
“O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” (LSB 856)



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To
5 O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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:

“Lord of All Hopefulness” (LSB 738)

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

POSTLUDE: “Lord of All Hopefulness”

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This Week with Our Lord, September 20-27, 2026

SUNDAY, September 20-

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

Monday, September 21-

6th Grade @ Camp Wartburg

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

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Tuesday, September 22- *Pastor Winkelman’s day off*

6th Grade returns from Camp Wartburg

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

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

1:30 p.m. Garden Place Worship Service

6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 23-

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
4:00 p.m. Worship Committee
6:30 p.m. Divine Service

Thursday, September 24-

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Friday, September 25- *Epistle articles are due!!*

Grandparent/Special Guest Day

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel
1:00 p.m. Grandparent's Day
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Jr Youth September Event at Eckart's Farm

Saturday, September 26-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Maverick Cowell

SUNDAY, September 27-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Aiden Kiefer
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Brinley Wolter

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 12-13: Worship: 367; Communion: 105; Adult Bible Classes: 39; Sun. School: 58
September 15-16: Women's Bible Study: 18; *No Bible Recap*; Worship: 44; Communion: 33

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 9/13/26- General: \$18,735.00; School: \$225.00.

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:

9/20- Phyllis Notter, Jessica Jackson, Adam Maes, Lamey Henry; **9/21-** Dean Wiley, Steven Papenberg, Cody Liefer, Paige Moses; **9/22-** Kristine Baldwin, Alexandra Yarolimek, Daniel Stapleton; **9/23-** Rodney Koester, Benjamin Guebert, Shane Hewitt; **9/24-** Gary Moeller, Deborah Lewis, Kirk Liefer, Samuel Schumacher; **9/25-** Laveda Womack, Christine Cox, Rachael Liefer, MJ Salger, Lane Pollard; **9/26-** Paul Mollet, Sondra Braun, Quinn Johnson, Abigail Vallett, Easton Ruebusch, Jace Stenzel.

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.

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.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:

It's that time of year when Mr. Becker needs you to forward your college-aged members/friends of St. John's Lutheran college addresses. The Sr. Youth has agreed to assemble and send them a care package in October. becker@stjohnsredbud.org or 618-282-2958 (text or leave a msg.) Deadline for sending Mr. Becker the address is **Oct. 2**.

SEPTEMBER JR YOUTH EVENT:

Friday September 25th 5pm – 9pm at Eckert's Bonfire and Fun Farm in Millstadt (2719 Eckert Orchard Lane). We will meet at the school parking lot and go there together, or you can meet us there. We will be at bonfire site #33- hot dogs, chips, drinks, and s'more fixings will be provided. Included in admission: Petting Zoo, carnival rides, pig races, corn trail, wagon train, and a haunted hayride. Admission is \$12 if bought ahead of time online - The youth group fund will cover 1/2 of the cost for the Junior youth (\$6). Contact Erin Kuehn with questions or to reserve a spot.

WHELAN BENEFIT BBQ:

A benefit BBQ to support Nancy Whelan & Family will be held on **Sunday, October 4th** in the school parking lot beginning at 10:15am-Sold Out.

PORK SAUSAGE DINNER:

On **Sunday, October 4, 2026**, Trinity Lutheran School will be hosting its 2nd Pork Sausage Dinner. Serving: Grilled pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, white gravy, green beans, applesauce, drinks, and homemade desserts! Time: 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Cost: \$15.00 for adults; \$10.00 for children 5-10; children 4 and under are free. Carry outs are available. Please plan to bring your family, relatives, and friends!

WURSTMARKT:

80th Annual Holy Cross Wurstmarkt & Country Store, at Renault, IL on Sunday, October 25. dine in from noon - 4:00pm, carry out from noon - 5:00pm with handicap accessible dining. Our dine in or carry out includes pork sausage, mashed potatoes, milk gravy, sauerkraut, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, applesauce, our homemade apple butter, homemade pies, coffee & lemonade. It is \$15 for adults; \$7 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under are free (dine in only). We do have a Country Store with fresh meat, our homemade apple butter, home baked goods and crafts.

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.

THANK YOU:

St. John's Lutheran Church,

Lutheran education has always been a priority for my family and me. The scholarship offered to me allows me to pursue this at Concordia University Nebraska. Here, I am given great opportunities for worship, education, and community. Without your generosity, this would not be a reality for me. Thank you! *Christine Liefer*

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.

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in Him. (Nahum 1:7)

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.



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!

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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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: (8 a.m.) Rev. Mark Winkelman; (5 p.m.) Rev. Brian Nowak

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Camden Moll; (8 a.m.) Sam Schumacher

Greeters: (5 p.m.) ***Volunteers needed***; (8 a.m.) Linda Guebert & Christine Doerr

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm

Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Kathy Rowold

Paraments: Ella Hemmer