

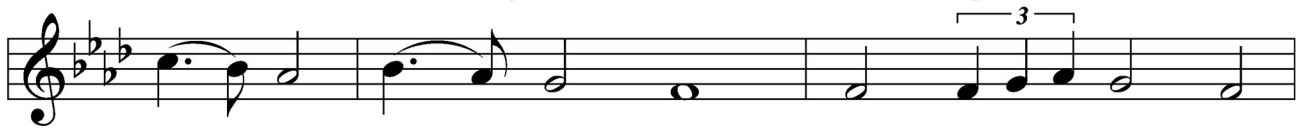
PRELUDE: (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) "Basse et dessus de Trompette" by Louis Nicolaus-Clerambault
(10:30 a.m.) "Thy Word" Bell Choir

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: "Thy Strong Word" (LSB 578, please stand for last stanza)



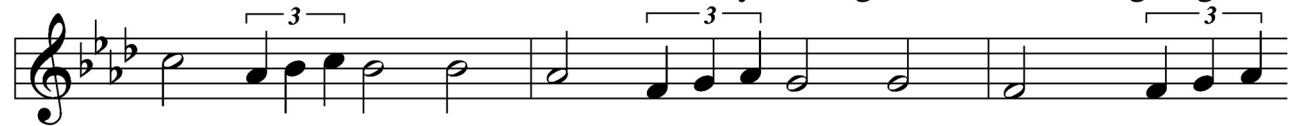
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM: (10:30 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 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

The Lord lifts up the | humble;* **he casts the wicked | to the ground.**

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

The Lord builds up Je- | rusalem;* **he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.**

He heals the broken- | hearted* **and binds | up their wounds.**

He determines the number | of the stars;* **he gives to all of | them their names.**

Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;* **his understanding is beyond | measure.**

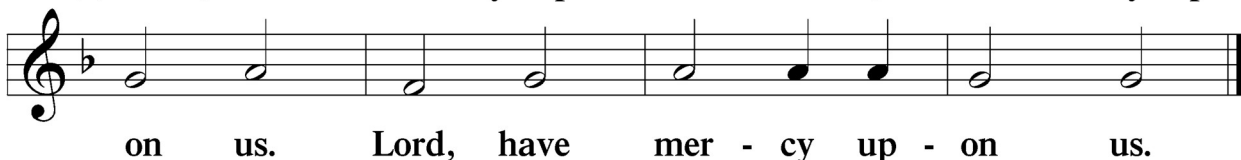
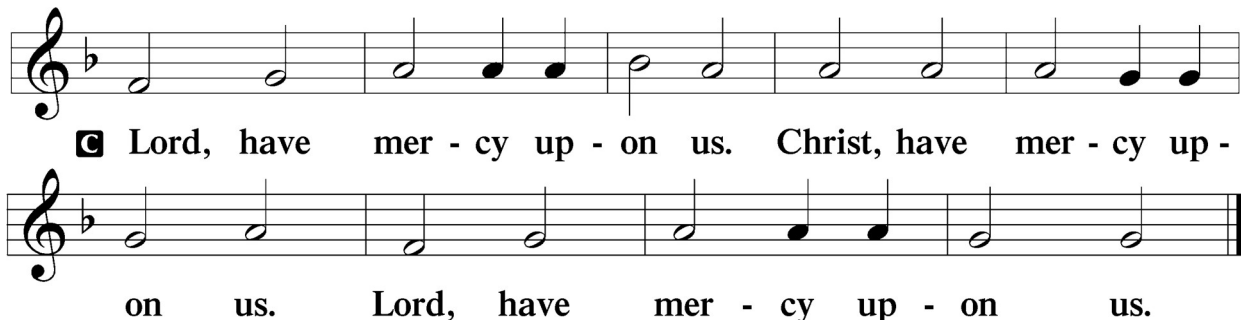
GLORIA PATRI:

(LSB 186)



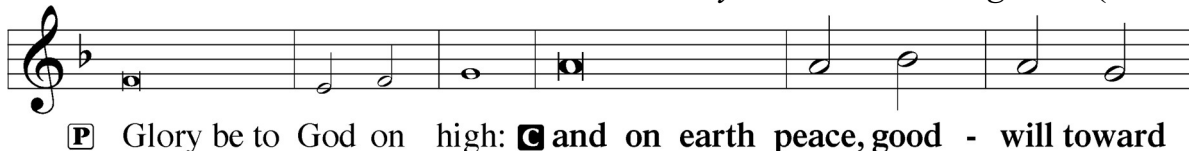
KYRIE:

(LSB 186)



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

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



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, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; 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)**

ANTHEM: (10:30 a.m.) "How Firm a Foundation"

Bell Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

P: ¹The word of the Lord came to me: ²"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . .

²⁵"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin.

³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL:

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

P: He will command his angels concerning you

C: **to guard you in all your ways.**

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: **and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

EPISTLE:

Philippians 2:1–18

P: ¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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 21:23–32

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

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

P: ²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

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:**

"Thy Word"

Refrain: *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)*

Verse: *When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me,*

And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)

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

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“God Has Spoken by His Prophets” (LSB 583)



1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the right - teous Lord.
Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:
Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;
Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.
Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.
God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the 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 -



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, 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, Tom Cornacchini, Pam Ehlers, Justin Fausz, Mary Gibson, Shirley Hartmann, Darlene Heck, Tina Heinemann, Gerald Hitzemann, Rev. Russell Koen, Andrea Kuehner, Tyson Moonier, Ron Pflueger, Ted Stellhorn, Matthew Vallett, Amy Winkelman, Roger Womack.

✠ for Isaac Frederick Schrader, son of Michael & Angela (nee Saenz) Schrader, as he comes to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 27th

✠ wedding of Samuel Marshall and Annelise Quinn on Monday, September 28th

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

✠ God’s guidance through our 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.



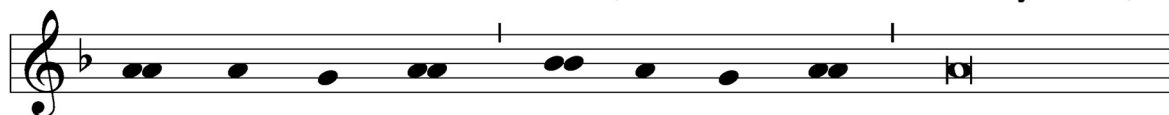
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THE LORD'S PRAYER:

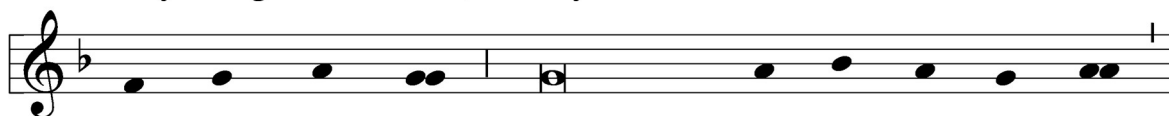
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P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



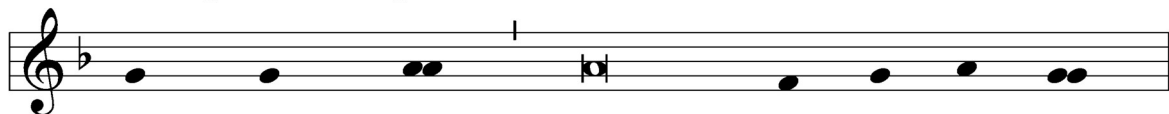
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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.
G 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)*

Anthem: "One in Christ and One in Spirit" Choir

"Preserve Your Word, O Savior" (LSB 658)

1 Pre-serve Your Word, O Sav-ior, To us this lat-ter day,
2 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your hon-or, The bold blas-phem-er smite;
3 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your Zi-on, Bought dear-ly with Your blood;
4 Pre-serve Your Word and preach-ing, The truth that makes us whole,
5 Pre-serve in wave and tem-pest Your storm-tossed lit-tle flock;

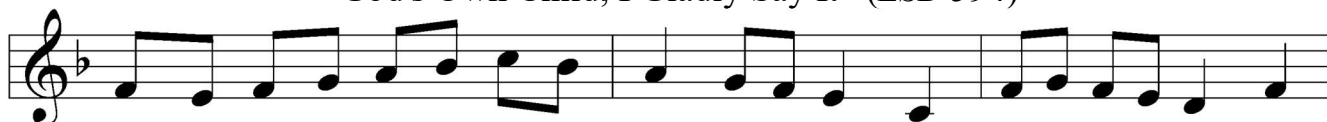
And let Your king-dom flour-ish; En-large Your Church, we pray.
Con-vince, con-vert, en-light-en The souls in er-ror's night.
Pro-tect what You have cho-sen A-gainst the hell-ish flood.
The mir-ror of Your glo-ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.
As-sailed by wind and weath-er, May it en-dure each shock.

O keep our faith from fail-ing; Keep hope's bright star a-glow.
Re-veal Your will, dear Sav-ior, To all who dwell be-low,
Be al-ways our de-fend-er When dan-gers gath-er round;
Oh, may this liv-ing wa-ter, This dew of heav'n-ly grace,
Stand at the helm, our pi-lot, And set the course a-right;



Let noth-ing from truth turn us While liv-ing here be-low.
Great light of all the liv-ing, That all Your name may know.
When all the earth is crum-bling, Safe may Your Church be found.
Sus-tain us while here liv-ing Un-til we see Your face.
Then we will reach the har-bor In Your e-ter-nal light.

“God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It” (LSB 594)



1 God's own child, I glad-ly say it: I am bap-tized
2 Sin, dis-turb my soul no long-er: I am bap-tized
3 Sa-tan, hear this proc-la-ma-tion: I am bap-tized
4 Death, you can-not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
5 There is noth-ing worth com-par-ing To this life-long



in-to Christ! He, be-cause I could not pay it,
in-to Christ! I have com-fort e-ven strong-er:
in-to Christ! Drop your ug-ly ac-cu-sa-tion,
in-to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad-ness
com-fort sure! O-pen-eyed my grave is star-ing:



Gave my full re-demp-tion price. Do I need earth's
Je-sus' cleans-ing sac-ri-fice. Should a guilt-y
I am not so soon en-ticed. Now that to the
To in-her-it par-a-dise! Though I lie in
E-ven there I'll sleep se-cure. Though my flesh a-



trea-sures man-y?
con-science seize me
font I've trav-eled,
dust and ash-es
waits its rais-ing,
I have one worth
Since my Bap-tism
All your might has
Faith's as-sur-ance
Still my soul con-



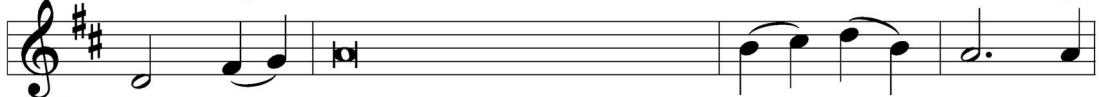
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did re - lease me In a dear for -
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your -
bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” (LSB 655)

1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je-sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, Send peace and
by de-ceit or sword Would wrest the king-dom from Your
Lord of lords a-lone; De-fend Your ho-ly Church that
u-ni-ty on earth; Sup-port us in our fi-nal
Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e-ter-nal-ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

POSTLUDE: “God Has Spoken by His Prophets”

arranged by J. Wayne Kerr

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This Week with Our Lord, September 27-October 4, 2026

SUNDAY, September 27-

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

Monday, September 28-

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Tuesday, September 29- *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

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

Wednesday, September 30-

Cross Country OVC @ Randolph County Lake

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 Communion

Thursday, October 1-

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Friday, October 2-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, October 3- *LWML Sunday*

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Blake Horrell

SUNDAY, October 4- *LWML Sunday*

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Sydney Krick

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

10:15 a.m.-?? Benefit BBQ for Whelan Medical Expenses

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

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 19-20: Worship: 375; Communion: 136; Adult Bible Classes: 37; Sun. School: 37

September 22-23: Women's Bible Study: 15; Bible Recap: 18; Worship: 46; *No Communion*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 9/20/26- General: \$23,324.77; School: \$650.00.

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.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Isaac Frederick Schrader into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in a later Sunday service. He is the son of Michael & Angela (Saenz) Schrader. His baptismal sponsors are Megan Schrader, Tanner VanDorn, & Christina Saenz. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

9/27- Alice Duclos, Pam Stellhorn, Hannah Sievers, Addelyn Moll, June Russell; **9/28-** Carolyn Cooper, Eric Hartmann, Rebekah Liefer, Heidi Wetzel, Dustin Diemert; **9/30-** Karla Hernandez, Kory Liefer, Tripp Wagner; **10/1-** Michelle Hick, Joshua Johnson, Aubrey Piel, Ave Renner; **10/2-** Kim Snyder, Erin Kuehn, Alison Liefer-Schubert; **10/3-** Irma Birkner, Jonathan Hudak, Lauriel Wingerter, Jessie Deterding, Grant Florreich, Witten Cheek, Hailey Schlueter.

EPISTLES:

Paper copies of the October 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 November Epistle, please send an email to the office by **October 23!***

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. (Psalm 91:11-12)

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**.

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!

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.

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY: *All Are Invited to Celebrate Pastor Mark!*

Please join in showing our appreciation to Pastor for the blessing he has been to our congregation. The event will take place on **October 18th** in the Shoe Factory Room at Lieferbrau starting at noon and continuing until 3pm. A cake will be provided as well as the meat and potatoes, but we do ask each family attending to please bring a side dish for the event. Drinks will be each individual's responsibility. Please RSVP to the school office by October 13th, we hope to see you there! Contact: office@stjohnsredbud.org or 282-3873.

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:

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 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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR WORSHIP GREETERS

We need a couple or two individuals to serve as greeters on the 1st and/or the 3rd Saturday services. 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.

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.



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!

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR SEMINARY: *Last chance to donate!*

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 by **October 4th**.

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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

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Maverick Cowell; (8 a.m.) Aiden Kiefer; (10:30 a.m.) Brinley Wolter

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Cindy Steele & Sharon Henke

(10:30 a.m.) Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm

Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Kathy Rowold

Paraments: Ella Hemmer



BENEFIT

BARBECUE

FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES

SUNDAY, OCT. 4 | 10:15 - SOLD OUT

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
SCHOOL PARKING LOT**

**PORK STEAKS | BRATS | POTATO SALAD
BAKED BEANS | MAC-N-CHEESE | SLAW**

FREE WILL BAKE SALE

SPONSORED BY ST. JOHN'S FACULTY & STAFF



PLEASE JOIN US TO HONOR

*Rev. Mark
Winkelman*

OCTOBER 18, 2026

12:00 - 3:00 PM

THE SHOE FACTORY ROOM
LIEFERBRAU BREWERY

*Please bring a side dish to share. Meat,
mashed potatoes and cake provided.*

RSVP BY 10.13.26 TO:
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