

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week the 1st-8th grade began a year long study of the New Testament. Although it is not Christmas, the book of Luke begins with the fulfillment of the promise made to the children of Israel throughout the Old Testament. The lesson this week was "An Angel Announces." Mary receives an angelic announcement telling her that, despite her virginity, she will give birth to the long-awaited Savior. Mary's song of praise, the Magnificat, sung when she visited her cousin, Elizabeth is heard in the Church to this day. The Early Childhood students are beginning at the beginning with the creation of the world and everything in it.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Continuing through September, Pastor Barth will hold Adult Bible Class, Sundays, at 9:00am, upstairs in the church. The focus of the study will be on 2 Peter.

DARTBALL

Our circuit (Springfield east and west) is gathering information regarding a return to dartball. If interested, please let Bob Dalton know. Each team needs to have at least four dart ball throwers.

ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Due to the pandemic, we will not be having a meal at this time in conjunction with Pastor Barth's visit. We will possibly combine a meal in October when Pastor Glenn Kopper will conclude our celebration.

CILCA NEWS

The Camp CILCA Chicken Fry and Auction will be held TODAY, Sunday, September 5. Dinner is served from 11:30-2:30. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-12. The live auction begins at 1pm with a wide variety of items, including gift baskets, weeks of summer camp, a guided youth hunt, and more. Check out all the items at cilca.org/auction-items.

THANK YOU!

A thank you to ALL who made the Sunday School Picnic Ice Cream Social a fun happening last Sunday! It was a fun afternoon of fellowship I think we all enjoyed. --A thankful congregation member!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements should be sent to Rachael Davenport by noon on Thursdays. Contact Rachael at socialmedia@stjnb.org or (217) 883-8558 (call/text).

WALTHER LEAGUE

Adult leaders are needed for the Walther League beginning as soon as possible. The leader role is open to anyone over 18 with a willingness to work the jr. high and high school youth. This may be individuals, couples or even a group which operates as a board to guide regular meetings and activities of the group. See Pastor or Connie Komnick if interested.

KFUO

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Begin studying Zephaniah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Psalm 142-144 and 9-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear stories about vocation and living boldly Lutheran on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on our KFUE Radio app!

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER'S ANNUAL LIFE BANQUET

St. John's Lutheran Church is co-sponsoring The Pregnancy Resource Center of Jacksonville's Annual Life Banquet to be held on **Tuesday, November 2nd** from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Hamilton's Banquet Hall in downtown Jacksonville.

The purpose of this fundraiser is to enable PRC to continue the mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, saving the lives of the unborn, and restoring those who have been wounded by abortion.

This year's keynote speaker will be award winning Christian recording artist Mark Schultz. Mark has sold over 2 million records, with ten No. 1 singles, and is a Dove Award winner. Mark and his wife Kate have four children. When they were blessed with their last two children it was a full circle moment for Mark, who is adopted. Now being on the parental side of adoption, Mark says he views being adopted by his parents and by God in a totally different way!

Our sponsorship includes a table for eight attendees and meal. Please contact Bill (217-741-3164) or Mary (217-741-4380) Pfeffer if you would like to attend and be seated at our table. This is a non-denominational, Christian ministry. St. John's has supported this pro-life ministry for several years.

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Proclaiming Christ 150 Years



† 15th Sunday after Pentecost † September 5, 2021 †



Welcome in the name of Jesus!

We're so glad to have you join us in worship of our Lord! If you are a guest with us for worship today, please stop by the registration book at the back of church.

Policy Regarding the Lord's Supper

When our family of faith celebrates the Lord's Supper, we believe Jesus Christ gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table the baptized who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession of faith differing from that of the LCMS are asked to please refrain from communing today.

In the Lord's service today:

*Rev. Robert Barth, guest pastor
Edith Clary, organist
Bob Dalton, elder*

**300 E. Gibson St. † New Berlin, IL
Sunday School 9:00 AM † Divine Worship 10:00 AM**

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn

Praise the Almighty

LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 △ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulf its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Psalm 124:8

Psalm 130:3-4

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **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.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

People:



☐ A - men, a - men, a - men.

Anniversary Closing Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

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Church News

PRAYERS

We ask God's care and protection upon the people of Haiti who suffered a disastrous earthquake. We also ask God's care and protection upon those who have been affected by Hurricane Ida. May we use the resources which God gives us to help in time of need.

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

A Special Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday, September 12, 2021 following the service to accept Pastor Kaufmann as St. John's vacancy pastor.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all who attended, donated desserts, cooked, ran games and in any way helped make the Sunday School Picnic/Ice Cream Social a success. Without you, it wouldn't have been possible.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in need of Pastoral Care during our vacancy, please contact an Elder: Jim Whalen (217) 675-2478; Jacob Olsson (217) 638-5209; Bob Dalton (217) 341-9687.



1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together, as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *Luke 18:13*

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given His son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

People: **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

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

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

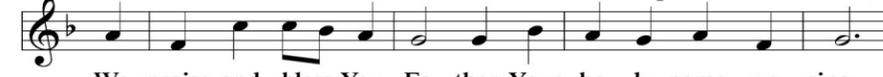
Gloria in Excelsis



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

James 2:1-10, 14-18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²If a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

LSB 189

2 Timothy 4:22

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

John 1:29

Musical score for Agnus Dei in G major, 4/4 time. It features two verses of lyrics with corresponding musical notation on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God, 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a - way; You take the sin of the world a - way; O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ, Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray. And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymns

O Son of God, in Galilee

LSB 841

Musical score for the hymn 'O Son of God, in Galilee' in D minor, 4/4 time. It features five verses of lyrics with corresponding musical notation on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: 1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You 2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of 3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You 4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of 5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on can re - store, O Lord; Your “Eph - pha - tha,” O stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near. You their care; Your grace to them make known. Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford. light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart. un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

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Sanctus

LSB 208

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

John 20:19

People: **Amen.**

Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

John 20:31

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

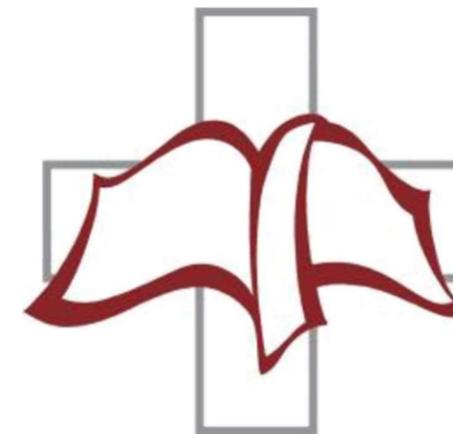
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

LSB 846

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
 3 O be our great de-liv-er-er still,

Was strong to heal and save; It tri-umphed o-ver
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re-newed and
 The Lord of life and death; Re-store and quick-en,

ills and death, O'er dark-ness and the grave.
 fren-zy calmed Re-vealed You, Lord of light.
 soothe and bless, With Your life-giv-ing breath.

To You they came, the blind, the mute,
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 To hands that work and eyes that see

The pal-sied and the lame, The lep-ers in their
 Al-might-y as be-fore, In crowd-ed street, by
 Give wis-dom's heal-ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis-er-y, The sick with fe-vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen-nes-'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise You ev-er-more.

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Sermon Notes

Prayers of the Church

2 Timothy 2:1-4

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
 People: **Hear our prayer.**

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

2 Colossians 3:1

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Psalm 136

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: