

*A member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*  
**Proclaiming Christ 150 Years**



† 19th Sunday after Pentecost † October 3, 2021 †



They all gave out of their wealth;  
but she, out of her poverty,  
**put in everything** –  
all she had to live on.

Mark 12:44 (NIV)

**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 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. Dr. Ken Schurb, guest pastor*

*Cheryl Long, organist*

*Bob Dalton, elder*

**300 E. Gibson St. † New Berlin, IL**  
**Sunday School 10:00 AM † Divine Worship 11:00 AM**

# Confession and Absolution

## Opening Hymn

*With the Lord Begin Your Task*

LSB 869



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.  
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.  
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;  
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,  
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.  
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.  
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.  
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.  
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,  
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,  
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,  
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;  
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.  
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.  
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.  
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.  
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

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## Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

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

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

*Psalms 124:8*

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.**

*Psalms 130:3-4*

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

*Psalm 127:3-5; antiphon: v. 1a*

Unless the LORD builds the house,  
**those who build it labor in vain.**  
Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,  
**the fruit of the womb a reward.**  
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
**are the children of one's youth.**  
Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver with them!

**He shall not be put to shame when he  
speaks with his enemies in the gate.  
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.**  
Unless the LORD builds the house,  
**those who build it labor in vain.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 204*

*Mark 10:47*



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 204*

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



☐ 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: **Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Hebrews 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

<sup>5</sup>Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?  
<sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

<sup>13</sup>And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## 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 10:2-16*

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

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

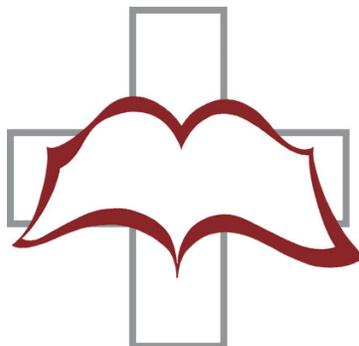
<sup>2</sup>Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

<sup>10</sup>And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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

Our Father, by Whose Name

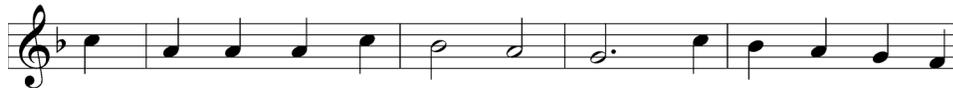
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1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,  
 2 O Christ, Thy - self a child With - in an earth - ly home,  
 3 O Spir - it, who dost bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,



Who dost in love pro - claim Each fam - i - ly Thine own,  
 With heart still un - de - filed, Thou didst to man-hood come;  
 Who teach - est us to find The love from self set free,



Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as  
 Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be -  
 In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by



sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.  
 hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.  
 this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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Sermon

The Widow's Mite (Mark 12:41-44)

Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb

<sup>41</sup>And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. <sup>43</sup>And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. <sup>44</sup>For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

## 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:

### Sanctus

LSB 208

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



**C** 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  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.**

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 210*

*John 1:29*

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 Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685



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



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



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



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



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



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

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# TAKE AND EAT DRINK

# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

Luke 2:29-32

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.

## 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

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

LSB 715

I Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's  
tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,  
Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -  
pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.

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## Church News

### **FLOWERS**

Altar flowers are placed in celebration of three Bandelow birthdays: Michael, Madison, and Mike; and in remembrance of the passing of Aunt Marilyn Basse in early October, 1995.

### **PRAYERS**

We remember the family of Esther Theilen, who passed away on September 29, 2021. May the Lord comfort them with the hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **VOTERS' MEETING**

The St. John's Voter's Meeting will be held next Sunday, October 10, 2021, following the service.

### **PASTORAL CARE**

If you are in need of Pastoral Care during our vacancy, please contact Pastor Kaufmann or an Elder: Pastor Kaufmann (217) 503-7865; Jim Whalen (217) 675-2478; Jacob Olsson (217) 638-5209; Bob Dalton (217) 341-9687.

### **TRUNK OR TREAT!**

Save the date for Trunk or Treat 2021 on October 31. We are in need of cars (actually just the trunk!), candy and individuals to stuff the give-away bags. Watch for more information to come!

### **ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

Bible Class will continue next week at 10:00 am.

### **TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

"The Pointing Prophet" is the title of this week's lesson for the lower elementary students while the Early Childhood class focused on Noah and the Flood. Just as God saved Noah and his family, God sent John the Baptist to point the way to our Savior, Jesus. John's message of repentance and preparation drew people to the banks of the Jordan. As Jesus approached, John declared, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). When John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan, the Spirit descends on Him as the voice of the Father proclaims, "This is My beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17). For discussion at home this week: "*Where are the three persons of the Trinity each clearly present at Jesus' Baptism?*"

### **SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

Pastor Kopper will be here on October 17 at our 11:00 A.M. service as we conclude our 150th anniversary celebration. Our anniversary committee now has a room reserved at Pizza Ranch. We will meet there following the 11:00 service. Each person attending will receive ten dollars towards their meal. For questions or to make reservations; please contact Denise Bandelow, Lisa Nagel, and Ron or Mary Ann Krohse. We will hold a question and answer with Pastor at that time.

### **DARTBALL**

Our dartball team opened the season by traveling to Good Shepherd in Sherman. After dropping the opener, the St. John's squad rallied. Gary Brehm homered and we escaped with a 1 - 0 win in game two. Our opponents returned the favor by shutting us out in the finale. Dartball is played on the fourth Monday of most months. You are invited to join in the fun and fellowship.

### **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) Pfeiffer 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.

### **OFFERINGS**

There are several ways to provide offerings at St. John's. One is the offering basket placed at the back of church. The second is the Give+ app, which can be downloaded from your phone's app store. Our E-Giving platform can also be accessed from our website by clicking on the E-GIVING tab at the top of the page. In addition, there is a locked drop box on the outside of church next to the bulletins.

### **KFUO**

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Study Ezekiel 10-14 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Leviticus 11-16 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel services at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs, plus our LCMS partner podcasts, at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUE Radio app!

### **"I REMEMBER..."**

The Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee invites you to e-mail your remembrances of St. John's to Rachael Davenport at [socialmedia@stjnb.org](mailto:socialmedia@stjnb.org). Betty Ryan offers this week's memory:

#### I Remember School Cleaning Day

Within a week or two of the first day of school, a date was set to ready the school for a new year. There was always a good crew of willing workers who answered the call to "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

Supplies were gathered and available to begin at 8:00 A.M. You were also invited to bring your own favorite supplies. A complete list of chores and items to be tackled were listed on the board. You could choose your favorite task. and mark it off when completed. Every inch of the school was cleaned - walls, ceiling, ceiling lights and fans. The blinds, windows and screens, heating pipes, woodwork, furniture, book cases, milk cooler, chalk boards, closets and more. Many worked until noon, but if you were able to stay for the afternoon; a nice noon meal was served by Sharon Boston. The church basement was a nice reprieve to enjoy the air-conditioning. It was a day enjoyed by all; regardless if the day was cool or sweltering hot. This is how I remember school cleaning day!

But wait, there's more. A day for carpet cleaning, painting and repairing, blacktop work, basketball hoops preparation days also had to be scheduled. It was all finished by the first day of school. To God be the Glory! Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do; work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord; not for men."

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