



We are a Christian community called to **worship** and sent to **serve**,
welcoming all to **walk** with Christ and **grow** in faith.

AS WE GATHER

"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:7) Teaching, and learning, God's Word is something we should be doing every day. Jesus is the heart of the Bible; today we ask Him to be the heart of our teaching and learning. Teaching Christ is a privilege for each teacher in class, every parent at home, and all of us as we seek to teach others of our Lord by word and deed. Jesus is the heart of our teaching, and our prayer is that the Holy Spirit would open our hearts.

PRELUDE "AMAZING GRACE"

Adelaide Willis, Clarinet

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN: "I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT"

LSB 411

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Right - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

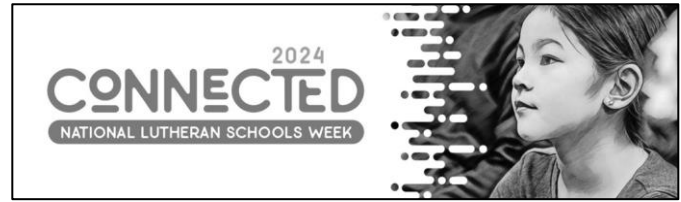
Refrain
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.
The night and the day are both a - like.
The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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CONNECTED IN CHRIST LITANY

Led by student Alex Koch

- L** Jesus said, "I am the vine,"
C **and we are the branches.**
L We are connected in Christ our Savior,
C **to be set free from sin.**
L Connected in Christ our Teacher,
C **to be His disciples.**
L Connected into the love of Christ,
C **to overflow with joy.**
L Connected in Christ the vine,
C **to produce much fruit.**
L Jesus said, "I am the vine,"
C **and we are the branches, connected in Christ.**



SPECIAL MUSIC

*Make Us One, St. John School Students
Accompanied by student Andrea Campbell*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 32:1–2

- P** God's Word tells us, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."
C **But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."**

Silence for reflection.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P 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.
C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Luther's Morning Prayer

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray together:
C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 6:1–9

Read by students Sofia Allen and Harper Heisner

¹“Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the just decrees that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ²that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 5:13–18, 22–25

Read by student Daniel Bahr

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1–11

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

Nicene Creed

C 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Remain in Me, I Am the Vine; St. John School Students

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Plyler

HYMN: "IN CHRIST ALONE"

OAR 241



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my
2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh, Full - ness of
3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the

light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner-stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe. This gift of love and righ-teous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
day Up from the grave He rose a - gain!
breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - tin - y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er

stilled, when striv-ings cease! My Com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is
pluck me from His hand; Till He re - turns or calls me

all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
mine— Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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SERMON

Main Points:	
One thing NEW I learned:	What can I apply to my life?

OFFERING

School Handbell Choir

LUTHERAN JUNIOR HONOR ASSOCIATION

These students have been accepted into St. John's new chapter:

Sophia Coric
Isaac Greene
Andrea Campbell
Sofia Allen

Daniel Bahr
Susanna Reed
Eli Christ
Alex Koch

Makayla Mamot
Elyse Redmond
Adelaide Willis

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final petition:

- P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.



LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- C** 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.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: “CHRIST BE MY LEADER”

LSB 861

1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not

dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor

fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

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Sunday Services at 9:00 am; Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday: Cross Examine

Week 1: Cross Out

Week 2: Cross Road

Week 3: Cross Walk

Week 4: Cross Word

Week 5: Cross Reference

Wednesday, February 14

Sunday, February 18 / Wednesday, February 21

Sunday, February 25 / Wednesday, February 28

Sunday, March 3 / Wednesday, March 6

Sunday, March 10 / Wednesday, March 13

Sunday, March 17 / Wednesday, March 20

Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Cross Purposes

Maundy Thursday: Cross Hairs

Good Friday: Cross Fire

Easter Sunday: Cross Training

Sunday, March 24

Thursday, March 28

Friday, March 2

Sunday, March 31



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