

# Christ The King Lutheran Church

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## The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist Divine Service, Setting Four August 29, 2021



**Regarding the Lord's Supper** – *Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the body and blood of our Savior. We receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning Church fellowship (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:26; Rom. 16:17), we practice closed communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests desiring to receive the sacrament are encouraged to speak with the pastor.*

### **Prelude**

### **Words of Welcome**

*Stand*



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down - ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

### Invocation

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

### Exhortation

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**G** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P** 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.

### Confession of Sins

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

### Prayer for Forgiveness

- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

### Introit

- P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- C** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.
- P** For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.
- C** Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- All** 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.
- P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

### Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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



**C** 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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty God, You gave Your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in both his preaching of repentance and his innocent death. Grant that we, who have died and risen with Christ in Holy Baptism, may daily repent of our sins, patiently suffer for the sake of the truth, and fearlessly bear witness to His victory over death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

### First Reading

Revelation 6:9–11

<sup>9</sup>When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of

God and for the witness they had borne. <sup>10</sup>They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" <sup>11</sup>Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14–29

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**G** **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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
 vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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## Sermon

*Stand*

### **Prayer of the Church**

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

Almighty God, we ask You to be near us with Your Word and Spirit. Guide and lead us, that we may not stray from the way of Your commandments nor forget the wonderful blessings that You have given to us. Direct us always with Your Word of truth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

By Your Holy Spirit, protect us this day from the assaults of the devil. Equip us with the full armor of God, that we may be clothed in truth, righteousness, peace, faith and salvation, bearing the sword of the spirit, which is Your Word. Keep us all in safety and security from the forces of the evil one. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, You are the strength of the weak and the refuge of the powerless. Be with Your people who are struggling with doubt and temptation. Grant assurance to the doubtful and deliverance to those tempted by this world. Give Your power, grace and love to those who need it. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, bring health and healing to Your people. We pray for everyone in need of Your mercy today *[including \_\_\_\_\_]*. Strengthen them with Your Word of grace, that they would look to You for comfort in the midst of suffering and pain. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Sit*

### **Offering**

*Stand*

### **Preface**

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** 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

*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

**P** 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 boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

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

### 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** 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."
- P** 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

*John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*

**C** 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.

*Sit*

## Distribution



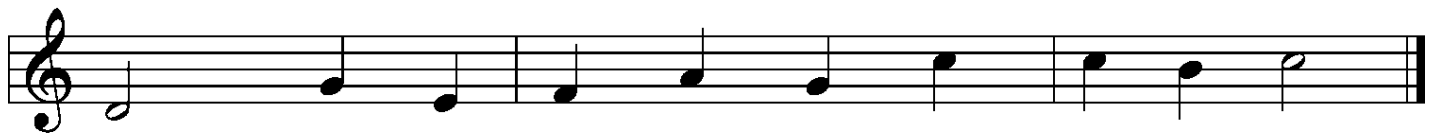
1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.  
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

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1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
 4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
 com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

# Hymn: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

LSB 791



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy  
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His  
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He  
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His  
is for - ev - er - sure. His truth at all times  
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.  
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.  
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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Stand

# Nunc Dimittis

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

**A** 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 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.

**G** Amen.

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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.

*Sit*

## Hymn: Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,

2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,

3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied

4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,



Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.

The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.

Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.

As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

*Refrain*

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

## Postlude

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## Announcements

**Coming in September!** Beginning in September, I'm going to offer a new weekly video called "Ten Minute Thursdays." As the name suggests, it will be a short-form format, just 10 minutes, in which I hope to have an "Ask the Pastor" style discussion. I'm hoping to address the questions we all have, *your* questions, like "How do I know I'm saved?" or "Am I doing enough?" or "Can I trust the Bible?" or "Why are the world's values so different from the church's values?" Not just academic questions, but questions born of your faith trying to live in this world. So ... send me any questions you might have! Write them down, email them, whatever, and I will try to see if I can give a good, pastoral answer within 10 minutes!

**Parish Cleaning Crew** – At one of my first teenage jobs, my boss told me, "Don't lean! Clean!" and he handed me a broom. It's time to recruit a few more people who can help with the regular cleanliness of our church. If you would like to join the Crew that prepares the House of God for His people and for visitors, please talk to Pastor Yoakum.

**BBQ Luncheon!** – I'm excited to announce another tasty fellowship luncheon! On September 12, please join us after worship for a great American BBQ lunch with all the fixins'. All are welcome, so you can start dropping hints with family and friends. Come for the Word of God, and stay for the food and friends.

**Also on September 12 ... Youth Confirmation Meeting** – We will have an informational and planning meeting after worship for youth *and parents* of those who may be ready for youth confirmation instruction. Ordinarily, this begins around 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade in our tradition. If you know of someone who may be ready for this class, please let Pastor Yoakum know.

**Congregational Meeting** – Our fall congregational meeting will be after worship on September 19<sup>th</sup>. All members of Christ The King are asked to please make plans to attend and help with the regular, but necessary, matters of our congregation.

**Memory Verse Challenge for this Week:** Numbers 6:24-26 – "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Scripture Readings for Next Sunday:** Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:31-37.

**Prayer List** – Dave, Walt, Jim, Barbara, Isabel, Roma; Buck; Carole; Matt; Ruth; Charlie; Matt; Kris; Mireya; Scott and Cathy; Kathy; Kelly; Angela; Susan; Blaine; Marjorie; Darlene; the wife of Jonathan; Barbara.



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**Serving Today:**

Elder – Dave B.  
Ushers – Clair S. and Jerry H.  
Organist – Kathy Y.  
Acolyte – Lauren S.  
Altar Guild – Kathy Y.  
Camera – Angela F.  
Tellers – Jim L. and Angela F.

**Serving Next Week:**

Elder – Charlie T.  
Ushers – Tony C. and John H.  
Organ – Stan S.  
Acolyte – Katie S.  
Altar Guild – Angela F.  
Camera – Beth B.  
Tellers – Mike P. and Jim L.

**Upcoming Calendar**

8/29	9am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10am	Worship
	4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
8/31	2pm	Book of the Month Bible Study (BOMBS). Topic: John 4.
9/1	6:30pm	Wednesday Bible Class. Topic: A Simple Explanation of Easter
9/5	9am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10am	Worship
	4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
9/7	2pm	Book of the Month Bible Study (BOMBS). Topic: Hebrews 8
	7pm	Elders Meeting
9/8	6:30pm	Wednesday Bible Class. Topic: A Simple Explanation of the Church Year