

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Red Bud, Illinois

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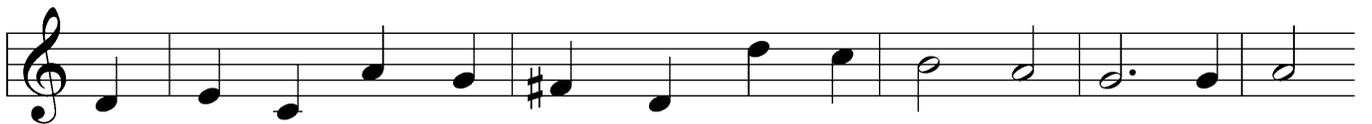
THE PRELUDE: "A Christian Wife and Mother" *arranged by Sandra Eithun*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 912 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
 And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
 Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
 that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
 pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

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

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

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

INTROIT: Psalm 149:1; Psalm 30 :1-5



Sing to the LORD a new song,	His praise in the assembly of the godly!
I will extol You, for You have drawn me up	and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
O LORD my God, I cried to You for help,	and You have healed me.
You have brought up my soul from Sheol;	You restored / me to life.
Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,	and give thanks to His holy name.
For His anger is but for a / moment,	and His favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry / for the night,	but joy comes with the morning.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son	and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be- ginning,	is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Sing to the LORD a new song,	His praise in the assembly of the godly!

Kyrie (*sung*)

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregational Anthem: "A Christian Wife and Mother"

(tune: "The Church's One Foundation")

1. A Chris-tian wife and moth-er, God's gift from heav'n a-bove

**To mem-bers of her fam-'ly a source of con-stant love,
 A help-mate to her hus-band in good and e-vil days,
 A bless-ing to her chil-dren in e'er so man-y ways.**

2. She looks with love and fa-vor up-on her chil-dren fair,

**As pre-cious gifts from heav-en God gave in-to her care.
 With Chris-tian ad-mo-ni-tion and nur-ture in the Lord
 She trains them well and wise-ly with Scrip-ture's full ac-cord.**

3. Thank God for Chris-tian moth-ers, re-mem-ber them today,

**And call up-on your Sav-ior to bless their earth-ly stay.
 They are a na-tion's for-tress, a strong-hold in the home,
 We hon-or and sa-lute them now and in life to come.**

First Reading: Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

And Stephen said: "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

**[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,
He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
He has put all things under His feet.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Common Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I

am going.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to You, O Christ.
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**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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 829 “Christ the Eternal Lord”



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
 Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
 Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

5 Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,
 Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;
 When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne
 Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

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Sermon: “The Way” John 14:1-14

P: Most gracious Father: may the words of my mouth,

C: and the meditation of our hearts,

ALL: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen. (Ps 19:14)

Hymn of Response: 526 “You Are the Way; through You Alone”



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Prayer of the Church

HEALING AND COMFORT: Evelyn Muench, Kenneth Koester, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttman, David Guebert, Gary Moeller, Larry Ebers, Stuart Langrehr, Pam Stellhorn, Roger Kozora, Lori Rees; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Cheryl Zanders, Jason Rippelmeyer, Tom Quinn, Rev. Brian Downs, Gena Triefenbach. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss, Joshua Cox; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Keenan Turnure

+thanksgiving for the birth of a son to Kody and Courtney Schoenbeck on Tuesday

+thanksgiving for the birth of twin daughters to Adam and Lisa Guebert on Friday

+thanksgiving for our mothers, especially those who raised us in the Christian faith

+those suffering from the coronavirus and the effects of it on our society

+those who work the land and tend the livestock as planting season begins

+those who mourn: the family of Ed Kaaz, father of St. John's member Ray Kaaz

As newborn infants who long for the pure spiritual milk, so let us come before the Lord seeking His mercy with confidence that His grace will be sufficient for all our needs.

Brief silence

Lord God, You have promised to build up Your Church to be a holy priesthood, that Your people might offer the spiritual sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving acceptable to You. Bless Your Church and bring all congregations back together again. Bless all pastors who proclaim Christ to us. Bless all church workers and those preparing for full-time church vocations, that Your Church may be supplied with faithful leaders and servants of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, Your power brought all things into being and still You preserve what You have made. Bless our president, the Congress of these United States, our governor, and all elected and appointed civil servants so that they may honor You and Your purpose, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue and protecting all life. Give wisdom and moderation to them in their leadership for the well-being of the nation. We thank You for the service of those who dedicate their lives to our freedom, protection and safety, and ask that You would bless and guide our military members, law enforcement agents, emergency responders and healthcare workers. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O merciful Father, You have compassion upon the sick and those in need and have promised not to ignore them in their afflictions. Turn back this pandemic across the globe, and give us relief from the effects of this virus. Bless the sick with healing, those who suffer with strength and patience, and the dying with peace. Hear us on behalf of those who have requested our prayers *especially* Evelyn Muench, Kenneth Koester, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttmann, David Guebert, Gary Moeller, Larry Ebers, Stuart Langrehr, Pam Stellhorn, Roger Kozora, Lori Rees, Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Cheryl Zanders, Jason Rippelmeyer, Tom Quinn, Rev. Brian Downs, Gena Triefenbach and those we name in the silence of our own hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, You have established the home and blessed those who show us Your love. We thank You for our mothers, especially as they have raised us in the Christian faith. Bless all mothers and the children in their care. Bless all families and make their homes places of blessing and love, where Your Word is spoken, forgiveness reigns and love is

displayed. Give us good examples to inspire youth to all that is good and pure, and to seek after these things. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have given us the wisdom of faith that through the Spirit we might know Your Son to be the way, the truth and the life. Bless all those who teach and all who learn, especially during this difficult educational situation. Bless those who work the land and tend the livestock that weather would be favorable for their work and equipment dependable for the job to be done. Preserve those who are in isolation from indulging in idleness, but instead by Your Holy Spirit renew their minds and hearts through the reading of Scripture and prayer. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Giver of all life, You bless this world with the daily miracle of new life in the birth of children. We join with Kody, Courtney and their families in thanking You for the birth of their son, Emmett James, on Tuesday. We are grateful that You have brought both mother and child safely through this delivery. We join with Adam, Lisa and their families in thanking You for the birth of their daughters, Lillian Mae and Eve Amelia, on Friday. We are grateful that You have brought both mother and daughters safely through this delivery. We trust that You will guide these new parents in raising their children to know Your Son, Jesus, as the Lord of their lives and their Savior from sin. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Father, You know our needs of this body and life. You have called us to love our neighbor in need and to give aid to the poor. Give us courage and faith, that we may not fear sharing the resources You have supplied with those who live in want, especially the widow, the orphan and the unemployed. Let Your love for us and love for others drive out our selfish fears. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Father of an eternal mercy, You have raised up witnesses in every age and blessed us with those who endured suffering and even death in faithfulness to Christ. We pray that You would comfort Ed's family at this time of his earthly passing with the good news of the resurrection to eternal life through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We give You thanks for all faithful saints and martyrs, and we pray You to make us strong when we face the day of test, that at length we may be brought with them into the joy of Your presence and the glory of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise You, God, for Your goodness in hearing the prayers of Your people and granting us confidence to approach Your throne of mercy. Hear us now in the name of and for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING HYMN: 739 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second staff contains the final two lines. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by dashed lines to indicate phrasing.

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 When my life is al - most gone,
 And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
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POSTLUDE: “You Are the Way, Through You Alone” *arr. by Valerie Floeter*

This Week With Our Lord, May 10-17, 2020

ALL PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL ARE CANCELED!

DAYCOME HAS REOPENED UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS!

**DRIVE-IN SERVICES ARE IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 8 A.M. ON
SUNDAYS OVER FM 96.9**

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE:

Go to our website www.stjohnsredbud.org, and click the media tab. The official video repository is <https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsredbud-lcms> page. Hit the subscribe button and click on the notification bell next to it, so that you can get notifications of when videos are made available.

BIBLE STUDIES:

Check our website under the Media tab for Bible studies that you can do on your own. The topics so far are Amen, Angels, Antichrist, Apostles, Apostolic Preaching of the Resurrection, Baptism Q & A, Barnabas, Church and Homosexuality, Communications Skills, Cremation, Christian Citizenship, Discussing Homosexuality, Ecclesiastes, End of the World, God’s Will in the Lives of His People, Haggai, Having the Right Attitude, Heaven, The Justice of God, Justification and Sanctification, Islam, Live By the Spirit, Malachi, Meditation, Philemon, Purses, Was Jesus a Vegetarian?, Word Dwellers, and more to come!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

When someone special pays you a visit, you stand a little taller in their presence. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about dignity, humility, and life in the presence of God. Listen to “Stand a Little Taller” (Exodus 18) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler on KFUE AM 850 Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

There is no Sunday School while elementary schools are out of session. To use the weekly materials at home, parents can go to www.cph.org/enduringfaith. The login is

office@stjohnsredbud.org and the password is welcome. We are in Unit 3, Lesson 11. It is “A Deacon Delivers: Philip and an Ethiopian” from Acts 8:26-40.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-3873 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 5/3- General Fund: \$23,613.17; School-\$420; Debt: \$500. *“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”* (Malachi 3:10)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The Apostle says that God has done this that we may share in His glory and joy, that we may “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy in our hearts as well.

We have borrowed \$100,000 to make our last three payrolls and to pay the April and May Concordia Plans for our workers. Thank you for your continued contributions!

We applied for and have received assistance from the Payroll Protection Program of the Small Business Administration to help with salaries, mortgage interest and utilities in May and June.

CONGRATULATIONS!:

+God has blessed Kody and Courtney Schoenbeck with the birth of their first child, a son, Emmett James, born on Tuesday, May 5 at Mercy South Hospital in St. Louis. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life!

+God has blessed Adam and Lisa Guebert with the birth of their first children, twin daughters, Lillian Mae and Eve Amelia, born on Friday, May 8, at Memorial East Hospital in Shiloh. Thanks be to God for His gifts of new life!

HOLY COMMUNION OPPORTUNITY:

The Board of Elders has approved short Holy Communion services on Sunday, May 17. Beginning at noon that day a service of Confession, Absolution and the Lord's Supper will be held in 20-minute intervals in both the sanctuary (use the front doors of church to enter and exit) and the Fellowship Hall (use the back door of the Fellowship Hall off of the parking lot to enter and exit). The doors between the buildings will be closed. Do not plan to use the restrooms. As there will be a pastor, elder and custodian in both places, the number of worshippers will have to be limited to seven. You will need to call our office at 282-2394 or 282-3873 by next Friday to register for a time slot between noon and 4:40 p.m. We will keep you socially distant. You will need to wear a mask. Wipes and hand sanitizer will be available. Only the individual cup will be offered.

THANK YOU!:

We thank North County Savings Bank for including St. John's Lutheran School as a recipient of the Hometown COVID-19 Relief Grant. Through the assistance of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago we have received \$5,000 from North County Savings Bank.

CEILING TILE REPLACEMENT:

Our Board of Trustees is working on a project in our school building to replace ceiling tiles in the classrooms and hallway of the older part of the building. They need immediate help to take down ceiling fans. Later they will appreciate help installing the new ceiling tiles. Please contact John Preston at 282-7783.

SCHOOL DINNER AUCTION:

Our 12th Annual PTL Dinner Auction "Calling All Super Heroes" will need to be re-scheduled from its previously re-scheduled date of Saturday, May 9. Donation forms are available in the office or at SignUpGenius. Ticket forms have gone home with students but also are available in the office. If the PTL can raise \$100,000 our congregation will receive a matching gift of \$100,000 for our Debt Reduction Fund.

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. If you would like to serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact Vickie at 618/521-7417 or dvheller@htc.net. Call the church office if you would like to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Kenneth Koester, Melba Liefer, Wilma Wagner, Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer and Neva Liefer, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin and Helen Winkelman

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:

Don and Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Elda Seders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

5/10- Joan Ruwald; 5/11- Kevin Hartmann, Danette Miller, James Ratz, Danielle Liefer; 5/12- Alyce Niklich, Jesse Crafton, Noah Tepe; 5/13- Marlene Deterding, Meike Hoock, Jackie Quintin, Carla Hess, Jackson Muench, Alexa Cheek, Coral Hess; 5/14- Eugene Stamm, Rebecca Moeller, Christa Brundage, Marcia Watters; 5/15- JoAnn Kunkel, Scott Burmester, Erin Hewitt, Avery Piel; 5/16- Samantha Lee. *Please call the office for additions or corrections!*

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from *LCMS Better Health*

Brush Up for Heart Health- In a recent study of people aged 40 to 79 for over ten years, those who brushed their teeth three or more times a day were ten percent less likely to suffer from atrial fibrillation, and 12 percent less likely to have heart failure. In contrast, those who had lost most of their teeth had a 35 percent increased risk of heart failure.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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ISSUES, ETC.:

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LIFE THOUGHTS: (from *Lutherans for Life*) www.lutheransforlife.org

“Like newborn infants,”—gestating embryos, even—says 1 Peter 2:2. Aren’t we all? Helpless, dependent, rendered powerless by sin, but for the Savior’s grace. Yet protected, provided for, and precious (1 Peter 2:4)! Every member of our race embraced and cradled by a Heavenly Father Who loves even more than Mama. If motherhood manifests His compassion, how much more the babies dwelling in their bellies!

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 Fifth Grade - Darlene Letcher and Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)
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 Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6th-8th) – Justin Palm
 Resource Teacher: Lara Vause
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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Russell Koen Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel
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