

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Red Bud, Illinois

Sixth Sunday of Easter
 May 17, 2020

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THE PRELUDE: "Thy Word"

arranged by John Carter

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

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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.



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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 17:16–31

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.'

What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made

the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, for ‘In Him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed His offspring.’

Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.” 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 Reading: 1 Peter 3:13–22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the

body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

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 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

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: 741 "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior, now is
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; Like - wise I to life shall
 3 No, too close - ly I am bound By my hope to Christ for -
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust, whence I am



liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
 wak - en. He will bring me where He is;
 ev - er; Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,
 tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern



Rests up - on the hope here giv - en, Though the
 Shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
 Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er; E - ven
 That from death I shall a - wak - en With my



night of death be fraught Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
 fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?
 death now can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.
 Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.

Sermon: "Is That Your Final Answer?" 1 Peter 3:15

- I. Christ Is the Lord We Regard
- II. Christ Is the Hope We Have
- III. Christ Is the Answer We Give
- IV. Christ Is the Gentleness and Respect We Show

Hymn of Response: 466 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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, Paul Mollet, Lori Rees; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Cheryl Zanders, Tom Quinn, 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

+those suffering from the coronavirus and the effects of it on our society
 +favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields this week
 +thanksgiving for the birth of a son to John and Brittany (Salger) Veath on Wednesday

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

For the faithful proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him, that through hearing the Word of the Lord many may be brought to faith and to the knowledge of the truth, and that all who confess Jesus Christ may be united in doctrine and witness, defended against all the assaults of the enemy, and eager to gather together around Your Word and Sacrament in love for one another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this parish, for the work of the Kingdom in our community, and for the resources to accomplish all that God desires, that His name may be glorified among us and His purpose fulfilled in our words and works, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the agencies and institutions through which we love our neighbor and provide for those in need, for the destitute and homeless, and for everyone who suffers unemployment and underemployment, that we may aid them in their needs and assist them to find honorable labor to supply all their needs, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely who suffer the burdens of life without friendship or family, for those depressed or weary of pandemic measures, and for the fellowship of the Church, that we may bear one another's burdens and live in community with Christ as our head, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those who suffer, *especially* Evelyn Muench, Kenneth Koester, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttman, David Guebert, Gary Moeller, Larry Ebers, Stuart Langrehr, Pam Stellhorn, Roger Kozora, Paul Mollet, Lori Rees, Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Cheryl Zanders, Tom Quinn, Gena Triefenbach and those we name in our hearts, that God would grant healing to their bodies, peace for their minds, and consolation in their grief and sorrows, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those here and everywhere who work the land and tend the livestock to provide food for the nourishment of our bodies, that they be blessed with weather that is favorable, equipment that is dependable, a return for their own livelihood and that the fruits of their labors be used in the way they have intended, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the daily miracle that is the birth of a child, we join with Brittany, John and their families in rejoicing over the gift of their son, Henry James, thankful that our Lord has brought both mother and child safely through this delivery and trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide these parents in raising their children to know Jesus as the Lord of their lives and their Savior from sin, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who lead our nation in elected and appointed offices and for those who serve our nation as members of its military and law enforcement; for the end of this pandemic and for all those who are working so tirelessly for us during this time as emergency responders and healthcare professionals; for peace among nations and an end to terror and violence, that we may work for the common good so that justice may prevail, life be protected and truth abound, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, our God, as we recall the obedient life and life-giving death of Your Son for our salvation, we pray You to strengthen our faith and to make our hearts bold, that we may not fear but address our prayers to You in all humility. Hear us on behalf of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, who even now stands before You on our behalf, pleading our cause with His own blood, until that day when we are delivered from the changes and chances of this mortal life and stand before You in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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: 924 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

POSTLUDE: “Greet the New Morn”

arranged by Rachel Chapin

This Week With Our Lord, May 17-24, 2020

ALL PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL ARE CANCELLED!

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:

Words matter. People matter. You matter to God, and He will stop at nothing to get your attention. Listen to "Words Matter" (Exodus 19) 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 12. It is "An Enemy Converts; Saul" from Acts 9:1-31.

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. 5/10- General Fund: \$10,741; Automatic Giving- \$4340; School- \$100; Debt: \$100. *"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*

John 14:15 – “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well, “She was forgiven much, so she loved much” (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins – and this causes love to well up in us, which in turn causes us to keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is “Love.”

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

HOLY COMMUNION OPPORTUNITY:

The Board of Elders has approved short Holy Communion services this 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. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!:

Three of our congregation members were selected to be Junior Marshalls for the Red Bud High School graduation. They are Dylan Roscow, Avery Piel and Ethan Fritsche. Fellow St. John's school alumnus Merideth Whelan was also a Junior Marshall.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS!:

God has blessed John and Brittany (Salger) Veath with the birth of a son, Henry James, on Wednesday, May 13th at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. He joins his older sister Hazel at home. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the birth of a child!

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 will appreciate help installing the new ceiling tiles. Please contact John Preston at 282-7783.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES:

Please call (282-2394) or email (office@stjohnsredbud.org) the church office with the names of our St. John's members who are graduating from any level or type of education

this month. We want to recognize them in our June Epistle and upcoming bulletins. Let us know what school and, if college, what degree and major area of study.

ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE:

We will broadcast a worship service this Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in celebration of the Ascension of Our Lord. Forty days after His resurrection from the dead Jesus, the eternal Son of God, returned to His rightful place of honor and glory at the right hand of our heavenly Father. Join us at that time on Facebook or watch it later as recorded on YouTube.

SCHOOL DINNER AUCTION:

Our 12th Annual PTL Dinner Auction “Calling All Super Heroes” will be re-scheduled for some time in the fall. 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!:

5/17- Kimberly Valentine, Madison Pensoneau, Carson Bowles; 5/18- Stacia Clifford, Wyatt Clifford; 5/19- Joyce Mesnarich, Candace Horrell, Julia Tribo; 5/20- Robert Turner Jr., Dylan Minemann; 5/21- Denis vanBuren, John Tepe, Kevin Florreich, Trenton Wagner, Paxton Hoffman; 5/22- Sandra Mueth, Janet Papenberg, Kent Liefer; 5/23- Brendan Harms, Tripp Frantz, Ellessandria Sutton, Henry Schnepel. *Please call the office for additions or corrections!*

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

While churches currently are considered “non-essential” and closed but marijuana distributors are open and their business is growing like a weed (pun intended) this note from *LCMS Better Health* is timely: “As more and more states legalize recreational marijuana,

the effects of being under the influence of the drug while driving, such as slowed reaction time and coordination, are starting to show in those states that were early adopters.” More next week.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio, AM850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on **AM850 & kfuo.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Netflix Documentary "Tiger King," The Ascension of Christ, The Book of Hebrews, The Bodily Resurrection in the Old Testament, "Gentleness" in the Bible, and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

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

What best prepares us to defend the sanctity of life? Political strategy? Graphic imagery? Rhetorical formulas? Scientific citations? How about the hope we have in Christ our Holy One (1 Peter 3:15)—that our Lord is at work in every circumstance, even those life-and-death moments that seem most dark and desperate, bringing about not just survival but everlasting salvation, and always with His signature gentleness?

VIRTUAL RUN/WALK:

There is an upcoming Virtual Run/Walk to help women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Proceeds benefit Birthright Counseling, St. Louis (<https://birthrightstl.org/>), a non-profit organization providing free, confidential and professional counseling as well as practical assistance to women facing an untimely pregnancy. Birthright offers positive alternatives to abortion and has served more than 200,000 women since its founding in 1971. This year our annual Birthright Run for Life and Learning has gone Virtual. The funds raised by our Run/Walk enable our Birthright moms to continue their education, secure safe housing, and receive professional counseling and other practical assistance. Participants can register at run4lifeandlearning.eventbrite.com. Then what? Complete a Run/Walk distance of your choice (6K, 1 mile, 0.25 mile) individually or with your immediate family anytime between Monday, June 1 and Sunday, June 7. Post your time and/or photo to our Facebook page (@STLRun4LIFE www.facebook.com/STLRun4Life), or email us at run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com, and receive a race t-shirt.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL [618-853-7300](tel:618-853-7300)

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.



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Junior Youth - Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow 282-5343

Athletic Director – Justin Palm 214-1103 Secretaries - Julie Ratz & Jessica Schloemann

Senior LYF – Terry and Susie Harms [618-201-5654](tel:618-201-5654); Pr. Russell Koen 282-1958

Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 853-7300

Faculty and Staff

Preschool - Cindy Steele Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller; Aide- Patty Schnepel

Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade– Bill Becker (Librarian)

Fifth Grade - Darlene Letcher and Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6th-8th) – Justin Palm

Resource Teacher: Lara Vause

Custodians – Alan Ohms, Bob Schramm and Becky Rhodes

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Ashley Brittingham, Megan Diercks, Jennifer Pfannebecker, Nicole Kadlec, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Terra Williams, Brittney Eichholz, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Johnston, and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Gary Buatte

Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Ray Wagner Board of Finance: Ben Guebert

Elder Chair: Stuart Langrehr Parish Education Chair: Andrew Stellhorn

Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Kathy Valleroy

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Mark Nebel Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen

Pianist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak Video: Eric and Jennifer Fritsche

Flower Servers: Kathy Grohmann and Stephanie Liefer Paraments: Carol Turner