

St. John's Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Red Bud, Illinois
March 21, 2021 (10:30 a.m.)

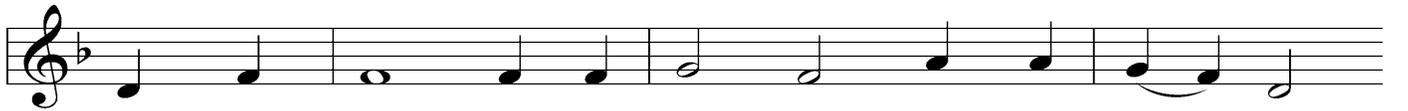
WELCOME to St. John's Lutheran Church! We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people. We are especially happy that we have visitors with us today. St. John's is a congregation which follows the historic order of Christian worship. Even if you are not Lutheran, you may recognize many of the elements of worship from your own tradition. If you or your small child needs a space for privacy during the service, Room 1 in the Fellowship Hall has a TV with a video feed of our worship service. To help with the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

The Prelude: "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" *arranged by Charles Callahan*
The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

Hymn of Invocation: 848 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
 4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
 veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
 Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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Please stand if able. The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Holy Baptism.

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

Introit: Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because He has heard **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Because He inclined His ear to me, **I will call on Him as long as I live.**

The snares of death laid hold on me; **I suffered distress and an-guish.**

Then I called on the name of the Lord: **"O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

You have delivered my soul from death, **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

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.

I love the Lord, because He has heard **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Song of Praise: "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

**Perfect submission—Christ on the cross, For my salvation He suffered loss,
Gave up His life and gave up His throne, Purchased and won me, made me His own.**

(refrain)

**Knowing forgiveness, now I'm at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, trusting His love.**

(refrain)

**Vic-t'ry o'er Satan, death, and the grave, O what a joy to know that I'm saved!
Claiming no merit, works of my own, All glory, praise be to God alone! *(refrain)***

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

Anthem: “Make Me a Servant”

First Grade Students

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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

The Gradual

A: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, **C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

A: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor

for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him,

“You are My Son, today I have begotten You”; as He says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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

(Please stand if you are able.) **Hymn for the Gospel:**

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal-va-ry, Sav-ior di-vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt a-way; O let me from this day Be whol-ly Thine!

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter. C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus and said to Him, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.” And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And they said to Him, “Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to Him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

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

Our Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

**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. (*please be seated*)

Children's Message Song: "A Time to Serve"

Je-sus hears His chil-dren cry-ing, Sees them hun-gry, lost, and dy-ing;
 Who will com-fort all their sor-rows? Who will bright-en their to-mor-rows?

When we join our Sav-ior's serv-ice, He will strength-en and pre-serve us;
 He will guide our dai-ly liv-ing, And He'll bless the love we're giv-ing.

Rise and fol-low! He will lead us; Heed the cries of those who need us!
 And when life has end-ed for us, Hea-ven's glor-ies lie be-fore us.

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Song of the Day: 753 "All For Christ I Have Forsaken"



1 All for Christ I have for - sak - en And have
 2 Who is sweet - er than Christ Je - sus? No good
 3 Gone the past, un - known the fu - ture— Grace sup -
 4 When God takes me home to heav - en, Should this
 5 Though the road a - head be thorn - y, Though dark



tak - en up my cross; World - ly joy, its
 thing in Him I lack! Hand to plow, at
 plies my dai - ly breath; Strong in Christ through
 be the day I die, God will keep my
 clouds all light ob - scure, Though my cross - shaped

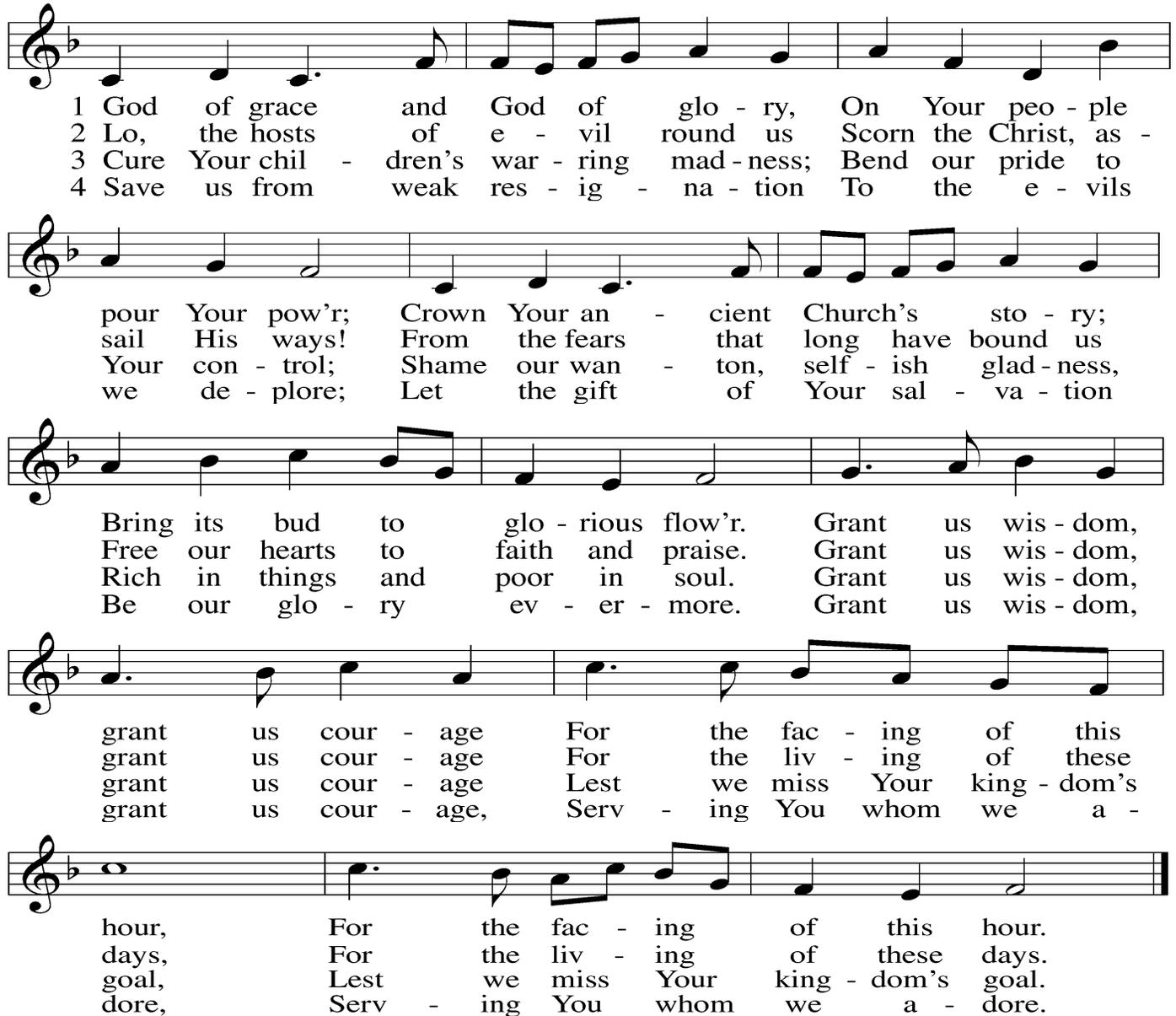


fame and for - tune, Now I count as worth-less dross.
 peace I fol - low Where He leads me . . . why look back?
 death's dark val - ley, Firm and faith - ful un - to death.
 spouse and chil - dren As the ap - ple of His eye.
 path grows steep - er, With the Lord, I am se - cure.

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Sermon: "He Suffered" Hebrews 5:1-10

Song of Response: 850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -

hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

Prayer of the Church: *Please stand if you are able.*

HEALING AND COMFORT: Ed Luttman, Barb Ladwig, Elroy Stellhorn, Larry Ebers, Dennis Deterding, Rhonda Schaefer, Susie Harms; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Roger Drinnon, Sr., Barb Niermann, Boniface Becker, Doug Whelan, Brenda Manning, Wayne Collmeyer, Velma Koenig, Rev. Timothy Scharr, Bob Rothley, Bruce Schneider, Rev. Brian Gegel, Bob Asbury, Michelle Dillon. *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., 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, Keenan Turnure

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Kenny Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, Mike VanDorn; Police- Abigail Brundage, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Jason Palm, Doug Brennan (*Please call our office with names*)
+those who mourn: the family of Joyce Wirth, wife of St. John's member Roy Wirth

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

Heavenly Father, in these Lenten days we ask You to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us to write Your Word on our hearts, that we might know You as the God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless and sustain our Synod president; our district president; our circuit visitor; our pastors and teachers, who like us are beset with their own weakness and worry. Grant that they may deal gently with us and keep them faithful in proclaiming Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son came not to be served but to serve. Help us not lord our authority over one another, but humbly serve one another in our homes, communities and congregation as Christ has so humbly served us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, look in mercy on our elected and appointed governmental leaders and all those to whom You have given earthly authority. Guard them from the temptation to lord it over us improperly, that they might faithfully serve according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You watch over, protect and defend us through the service of others. Bless, we pray, the men and women who serve in our military, police forces, all emergency services and healthcare personnel who, like Your Son, often are called on to lay down their lives for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as Your only begotten Son learned obedience though what He suffered, we pray that You would bless, sustain and relieve Ed, Barb, Elroy, Larry, Dennis, Rhonda, Susie, Lori, Roger, Barb, Boniface, Doug, Brenda, Wayne, Velma, Rev. Scharr, Bob, Bruce, Rev. Gegel, Bob, Michelle and all who suffer in our midst, that walking the way of the cross with Your Son, they may know the fullness of His eternal salvation. We pray that You would

grant to our world, nation, state and community a final relief from this Covid-19 pandemic. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, the life, death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus have delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears and our feet from stumbling. We place into Your care and keeping Joyce's family at this time of her earthly passing, praying for the peace of Your Holy Spirit to strengthen during this time of their loss with the good news of the resurrection to eternal life through Christ our Lord. Comfort all who mourn with this truth, that they may not grieve as others do who have no such hope. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **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.**

Collect and Benediction

P: 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 the 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. **C: Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you (+) peace. **C: Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: "The Wonderful Cross"

1. **When I sur-vey the won-drous cross On which the Prince of Glo-ry died,
 My rich-est gain, I count by loss And pour con-tempt on all my pride.**
2. **See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor-row and love flow min-gled down!
 Did e'er such love and sor-row meet Or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
 Refrain Oh the won-der-ful cross, oh the won-der-ful cross,
 Bids me come and die and find that I may tru-ly live
 Oh the won-der-ful cross, oh the won-der-ful cross
 All who ga-ther here by grace, draw near and bless your name.**
3. **Were the whole realm of na-ture mine, That were an off'ring far too small;**

Love so a-maz-ing, so di-vine, De-mands my soul, my life, my all!

Refrain **Oh the won-der-ful cross, oh the won-der-ful cross,**

Bids me come and die and find that I may tru-ly live

Oh the won-der-ful cross, oh the won-der-ful cross

All who ga-ther here by grace, draw near and bless your name.

Ending **Love so a-maz-ing, so di-vine, De-mands my soul, my life, my all.**

The Postlude: “O Sing to God Above” *arranged by Rachel Chapin*

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This Week With Our Lord, March 21-28, 2021

(When activities are going on in the Fellowship Hall, the sanctuary is available for prayer and meditation.)

SUNDAY, March 21-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:25 a.m. Sunday School in new gym; “Being Lutheran” class in the school library

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible classes in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

6:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 22-

3:00 p.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

6:00 p.m. Girls’ Basketball (BC) away at RBC/Trinity

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

Tuesday, March 23-

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Girls’ Basketball ABC at Steeleville

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meets in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church Acolyte: Emme Deterding

9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in the Fellowship Hall

5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church Acolyte: Makennah Harless

Thursday, March 25-

8:10 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)

5:30 p.m. Girls’ Basketball AB at TSJ in Nashville

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, March 26- 8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in new gym

Saturday, March 27-

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (Job)

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Olivia Gerald

SUNDAY, March 28- Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Connor Jordan

9:25 a.m. Sunday School classes in new gym; “Being Lutheran” adult class in school library

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Crewe Wagner

Next Week’s Worship Readings

Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9-13; Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11; Gospel: Mark 15:1-47

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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 363; Holy Communion: 87; Adults & Youth: 44; Sunday School students: 43

Midweek Lenten Service IV- Worship: AM- 19; PM- 44

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 3/14- General Fund: \$14,012; School: \$695; Automatic Giving: \$5,790. *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

Mark 10:45 – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example in self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

We might not see weakness as a virtue. And yet, weakness is where God's strength is made perfect. Listen to “But He Is Strong” (Mark 14:10-72) with Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFUE AM 850 this Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio on Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

CHILDREN’S MESSAGES:

Children are invited to return to the front for the Children’s Message. They are welcomed to wear a mask as they do so.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES: (9:30 to 10:15 a.m.)

Sunday Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets with Pastor Nebel this Sunday to continue the study, “The Holy Bible: Genesis to Revelation.” Today’s topic is “Genesis.” DCE Bill Becker teaches a study called, “Being Lutheran.” This class meets in the school library.

ZOOM BIBLE CLASS OFFERING:

Seminarian Wade Waterstreet is offering a Zoom Bible Class on Saturdays from 4-4:40 p.m. To be part of “Stump the Seminarian” please send an email to him at waterstreetw@csl.edu and he will send you a weekly Zoom link.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The next quarter (April to June) of our daily devotion, *Portals of Prayer*, is available in the racks by the front and back doors of church. Sonshine Visitation members, please take one for each of the places that you visit.

RESERVATIONS FOR EASTER HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES:

We are adding a third service on Easter Sunday morning. Please make reservations for worship at either 5 p.m. Saturday, 6:30 a.m. Sunrise; 8:30 a.m. Festival or 10:30 a.m. Festival. They all will be Holy Communion services. We will take up to 150 people in the sanctuary and up to 40 in the Fellowship Hall (but must wear a mask in there). Please call our office at 282-2394 or 282-3873 to reserve a spot.

SONSHINE VISITATION:

Sonshine Visitation members will meet this Sunday evening, March 21 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss visits to our members.

EVENING GUILD PROJECT:

Our Evening Guild mission project for the 40 days of Lent is to collect donations for the Musketeer Market at Red Bud High School. A list of items needed are on the front page of the North County News. Place donations in the collection crate in our Fellowship Hall.

EVENING GUILD ACTIVITIES:

LWML Zone Spring Renewal is Thursday, April 8, from 9 a.m. – Noon, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Prairie. An Orphan Grain Train representative will be our guest speaker. We need two delegates for zone election of officers. Pick up your new LWML Spring Quarterly!

EASTER EGG HUNT:

Easter Egg Hunt for children up to and including first grade will Saturday, April 3rd at 9 a.m. on the north lawn of the school. Our Junior Youth Group will host with Evening Guild sponsoring. *Anyone wanting to donate eggs, please take your filled and taped plastic eggs to school and leave them in entry of Main Entrance by April 1, marked "egg hunt."*

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:

Midweek Lenten services are on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Our theme this year is "By His Wounds We Are Healed." The theme for this Wednesday's service is "The Wounds of Stealing" from Luke 23:1-5. The supper menu will be tacos and all the fixings. This will be a served supper in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:45 p.m. A free will offering benefitting the Senior Youth will be taken. A hymn sing will precede the evening service.

EASTER LILIES:

Forms are available in the entryway for your donation of Easter lilies (\$7) in memory of or in honor of or in thanksgiving for someone or something. Please return those to our office by Monday, March 29. Thank you!

EASTER BREAKFAST:

Our Senior Youth will host a continental type breakfast on Easter Sunday from 7:45-8:30 a.m. and 9:45-10:30 a.m. We will plan for this to be in the Fellowship Hall, but if the weather is nice, we will encourage fellowship outdoors.

SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY BEE:

Congratulations to St. John's Lutheran School Geography Bee winners: First Place- Summer Luttman (8th grade); Second Place- Eva Kinney (8th Grade); and Third Place- Addalyn Schloemann (5th grade).

ALTAR GUILD GATHERING:

Altar Guild members will meet on Tuesday, March 30th at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary to practice for our Maundy Thursday stripping of the altar.

DIVINE CALL EXTENDED:

In our Voters meeting on January 24 the proposal to enter into a dual parish arrangement with St. John in Baldwin for the purpose of calling a Split-time Pastor who will serve us as an Associate Pastor and serve the Baldwin congregation as its Sole Pastor was approved. We will extend this call for a spring placement seminary graduate. For us this would replace our arrangement with Rev. Clifford Adair as our part-time Assistant to the Pastor.

RURAL KING CHURCH WEEK:

Rural King (Waterloo) is supporting Christian organizations by donating 10% of each valid Rural King receipt total after sales tax to the registered organization chosen by the customer. St. John's is registered! From March 14-27 customers can upload their Rural King receipts to www.ruralking.com/churchweek and 10% of their receipt total after sales tax will go to the registered Christian organization of their choice. Instructions: • Go to or click on this link: <https://www.ruralking.com/churchweek> • Under Church Week Heading, click on Search or Organization Search • Select State: • Select City: • Select: St. John's Lutheran (You should now see a picture of our church) • There should be a link for you to upload your receipt. • All receipts dated March 14-27 must be uploaded by April 1 (no foolin'!). All donations will be provided by our local Rural King. All Rural King stores are participating. Please share with your friends and say "Thank you" to Rural King management and associates when you shop.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

+St. John's member Joan Voges offers music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection to us for a donation to our school's ministry. You can pick up copies from the table in the entryway.

+Former St. John's member Bryan Perdue has a new CD of music available called, "Freely Given Freely Received." This, plus a few of his earlier CDs also are available on the table in the entryway for a \$10 donation to our congregation's debt reduction.

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 her at 618/521-7417 or dvheller@htc.net. Call our 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 OF FAITH AT:

Red Bud Care Center: David Burgdorf, Wilma Wagner, Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Waterloo- Cecelia Lautenschlaeger

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Doris Mueller, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Elda Seders, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin and Helen Winkelman

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Kathryn Chunn, Larry Ebers, Don and Betty Fausz, Willie Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth and Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Omer and Neva Liefer, Orville Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

LIONS BBQ AND LUTHERANS FOR LIFE BAKE SALE:

This Sunday our Red Bud Lions Club is holding a “Spring for Life” BBQ in our school parking lot from 11 a.m. to ??? (carryouts only) to support our local Life Network of Southern Illinois. Southwestern Illinois Lutherans for Life is holding a Bake Sale along with this barbeque.

ELDER ZONES FOR 2021: (Chairman, Eric Fritsche)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Eric Fritsche (618/410-5989)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Larry Gielow (618/830-4689)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann thru R/K Herriman- Elder Jacob Arbeiter (618/615-1108)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Adam Guebert (618/920-2403)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick thru Janel Maes- Elder David Reinhardt (618/967-7967)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader- Elder Mike DeRousse (618/719-7024)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Kevin Guebert (618/973-4356)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann thru Doug Zschiegner- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/559-7950)

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Since all gifts in your life are really God’s gifts, it is crucial to use advisors (legal, financial, tax) who will respect that connection and help you to grace the people and ministries closest to your heart. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you formulate your gifting desires and the questions to discuss with your professional advisors so that they can help you. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

3/21- Virginia Moeller, Glen Muench, Terry Donjon, Emma McCarthy, Bryce Becker; 3/22- Kristine Neff, Emily Buatte, Samuel Wright, Loreli Aubuchon; 3/23 Kathryn Chunn, Stanley Langrehr, Kathleen Salger, John Hemmer, Marquita Tindall, Ken Wild, Jr., Alexandra Sullivan, Jarret Fleming; 3/24- Laurie Gunter, Jason Guebert, Kole Guebert, Oskar Driesner; 3/25- Mary Kueker, Larry Schleifer; 3/26- Mark Voss, Brad Stechmesser, Bruce Quinn Jr.; 3/27- Tyson Russell. *Please call the office for corrections!*

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

People who are long-time consumers of berries, apples and tea – items that contain plant chemicals called flavonoids – are associated with a reduced risk for developing dementia. That is due to the flavonoids protecting brain cells, improving blood flow and reducing inflammation.

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: What I Wish My Non-

Lutheran Family Members Knew about Absolution; Critical Race Theory; New Age Teachings & Practices; The Annunciation of Our Lord and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUE 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 @KFUE.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUE and kfuo.org study Mark 14 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), dig into Colossians 1-3 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and worship in Midweek Lenten Service and organ recital on 3/24 at 11:00 a.m. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

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

Servanthood supersedes success, says Jesus (Mark 10:42-45). And do not surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses provide irreplaceable opportunities to serve neighbors, whether loved ones or strangers? Our Savior suggests that coming alongside them in courage and compassion may be better than sitting in prominent places hereafter!

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS:

Copies of a Daily Bible Reading Guide from LBT are in the entryway. The readings for this week are: March 21st- Psalm 9; March 22nd- Psalm 10; March 23rd- Psalm 11; March 24th- Psalm 12; March 25th- Psalm 13; March 26th- Psalm 16; March 27th- Psalm 31.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL- 618-853-7300

Virtual Auction: We have started planning for an online auction to benefit COS in early May. If you are interested in helping or donating, please contact the office. Please bring item donations to school before April 15. We will not be actively soliciting donations from small businesses this year. You can start “window shopping” the auction online at coslhs.betterworld.org.

Registration for 2021-2022 is now open! If you have a student or know someone who will be high school age during the 2021-2022 school year, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High school. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a private tour. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org. Early registration ends March 31. The cost of attending COS can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service.

It is time to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2021, to direct any remaining 2020 Choice Dollars. You can use those dollars to support Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. Go to <http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice> to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.



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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Cindy Steele

Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz; Aide – Patty Schnepel

First Grade – Rachel Miller

Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade – Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)

Fifth Grade – Darlene Letcher

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 – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm 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, Brittney Eichholz, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Melissa Schilling,
 Kaleigh Johnston, Amy Williams, and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Darren Liefer

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Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Christina Gidley

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Clifford Adair Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Instrumentalists: Lindsey Hudak, Brandon Nehrt, Jonathan Hudak

Acolyte: Hailey Proctor

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Irma Birkner and Sharon Koester Paraments: Irma Birkner