

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 10 & 11, 2021

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

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PRELUDE: "Lasset uns Erfreuen" *arranged by Kevin Hildebrand*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

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. We ask everyone to sign our Friendship Register that is at the end of the pew. To honor the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

Opening Hymn: 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven" (*stand for last stanza, sing A-men.*)



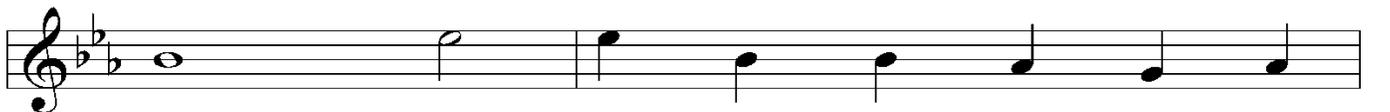
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" Al - le -
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Al - le -
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -

Gloria in Excelsis page 187

P: Glory be to God on high: **C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. **C (*sung*) And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

C: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)

(10:30 a.m.) ANTHEM: "This Little Gospel Light of Mine" Primary Sunday School Students

THE FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as

many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE 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.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1st John 1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand if you are able **Gospel Introduction** (*sung*) (LSB 547)

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o-ver-flows.

His song prolong Till ev-'ry heart to Him be-longs.

Wor-thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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

C (*sung*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C (*sung*) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **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*)

(10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of

the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. (*please be seated*)

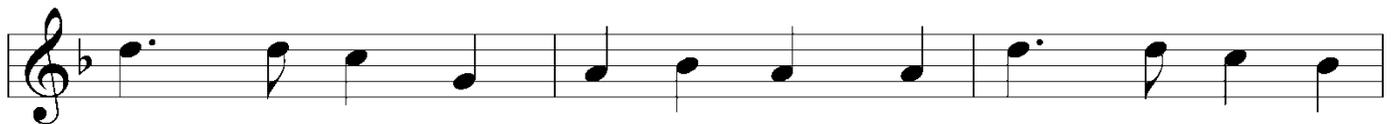
(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:**

I love to tell the story Of how our Lord and friend,
Rose up on Easter morning And reigns in highest heav'n.
The love of God the Father, the Spirit, and the Son.
Has given us salvation The free gift Jesus won.
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 472 "These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"



1 These things did Thom - as count as real: The
2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind Was
3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied That
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve And



warmth of blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the
keen e-nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex -
one could live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers
thus the ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw im - print - ed



heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
pect - ed act Too large for his small world of fact.
read like braille The mark - ings of the spear and nail.
palms reached out And beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

SERMON: “Living Not as Liars but in the Light of Jesus” 1st John 1:1-2:2

(Please stand if you are able) **Offertory** *(sung)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

HEALING AND COMFORT: Alice Smith, Orville Liefer, Ed Luttmann, Doris Mueller, Barb Ladwig, Dorothy Hartmann, Arlene Pratt, Elroy Stellhorn, Larry Ebers, Rick Stenzel, Martha Krick, Dennis Deterding, Rhonda Schaefer, Susie Harms; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Barb Niermann, Doug Whelan, Velma Koenig, 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)*
+the mission work of our Southern Illinois District in prisons, on campuses and for life issues

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

Heavenly Father, by the resurrection of Your Son You adopt all who believe in Him. Receive us as Your newborn children and nourish our faith by the pure spiritual milk of Your Word, that we may dwell in Your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You have declared peace between God and man in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Receive our thanks for the authority given to Your Church on earth, and grant that the ministers of Your Church would faithfully carry out their office and pronounce the free forgiveness of sins upon all repentant sinners. As Your people are united in the common life and love of our Savior, grant that we would share that life and love with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your peace flows from the risen and glorified wounds of Christ through Your Church and into the lives of all Your faithful people. Bless and direct Christian parents, that Your forgiveness would be freely shared in their homes and that each family would live together in Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You appoint rulers and officials for the sake of order and peace. Bless those You have placed in authority over us in federal, state and local governments and as members of our nation's military, law enforcement and emergency responders. Give to them the desire to serve with integrity and honor and to work for the benefit of all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we praise Your Son's resurrection from the dead and draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. *Especially do we pray for* Alice, Orville, Ed, Doris, Barb, Dorothy, Arlene, Elroy, Larry, Rick, Martha, Dennis, Rhonda, Susie, Lori, Barb, Doug, Velma, Bob, Bruce, Rev. Gegel, Bob, Michelle and those we name in our hearts. We thank You for the wonderful work of our healthcare personnel as they serve with care, devotion and dedication to their duty. Graciously receive our prayers of intercession and hear them for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord help us to remember it is good news for all the world. Bless the mission effort of our district at the universities at Carbondale and Edwardsville as well as at Unity Elementary School in East St. Louis. Bless our prison ministry throughout the many jails and penitentiaries in southern Illinois. Bless the congregations supported by our district. And finally bless our Advocates for Life Committee in their efforts to remind the world that Jesus came to bring life to all.

(10:30 a.m.) Gracious God, the Word of life was made flesh, suffered death and is risen in victory. Give us His body and blood in the bread and wine, that we may have the forgiveness of sins and fellowship with You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace and for the sake of Your Son You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) Non-Communion Service Continues Here:

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

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace. **C (sung) A-men.**

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.

THE POSTLUDE: “Regent Square”*arranged by John Behnke*

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of

congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. Place a finger to your lips if you prefer an individual cup. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

(10:30 a.m.) Service of the Sacrament

Preface (*we sing the responses*)

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*sung*)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

P 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.

(*sung*) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. A-men.**

The Words of Our Lord and Pax Domini

P ...The peace of the Lord be with you always. C (*sung*) **A-men.**

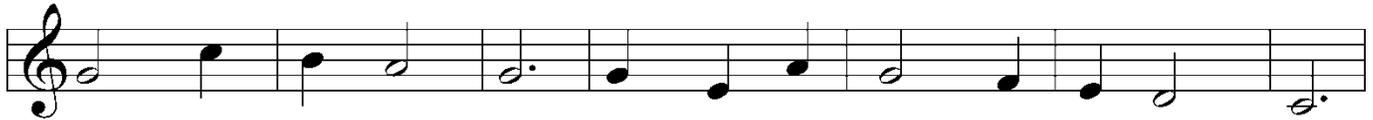
Agnus Dei (*sung*)

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A-men.** (*please be seated*)

Distribution Hymn: 470 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



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

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;
 Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Public domain

Distribution Hymn: 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in Thee and
 3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is nigh, who
 4 Though death may threat-en with dis - as - ter, It can - not rob me
 5 My heart has now be-come Thy dwell-ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly



me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -
 Thou in me. No sor - row fills my soul, de -
 jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -
 of my cheer; For He who is of death the
 Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy prais - es



ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
 cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
 tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



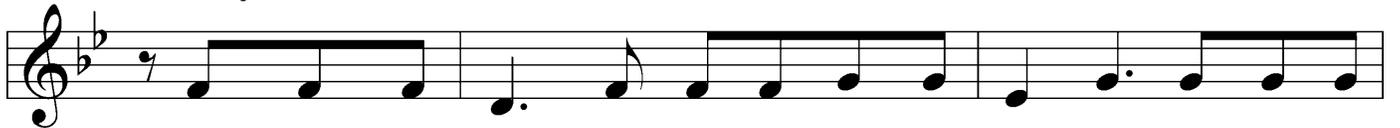
Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be



for my soul the high - est good!

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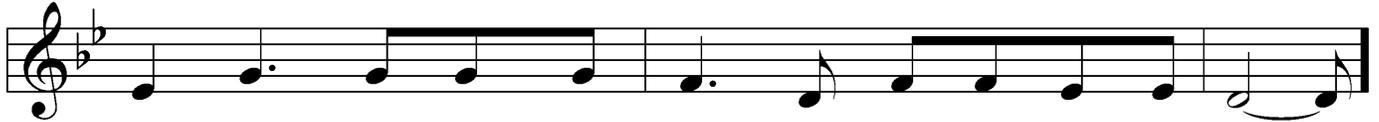
Distribution Hymn: 801 "How Great Thou Art"



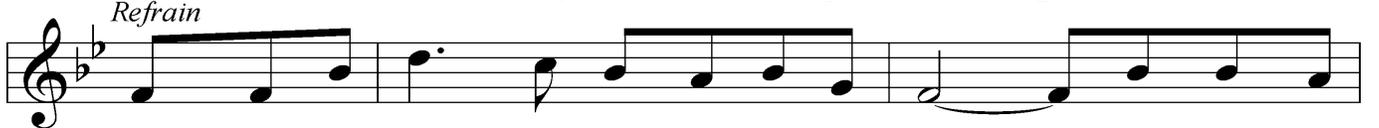
1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; When I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o-



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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(Please stand if you are able)

Nunc Dimittis (*sung*)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C** (*sung*) **and His mercy endureth forever.**
A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C (*sung*) **Amen.**

Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction

P The Lord be with you. C (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord. C (*sung*) **Thanks be to God.**

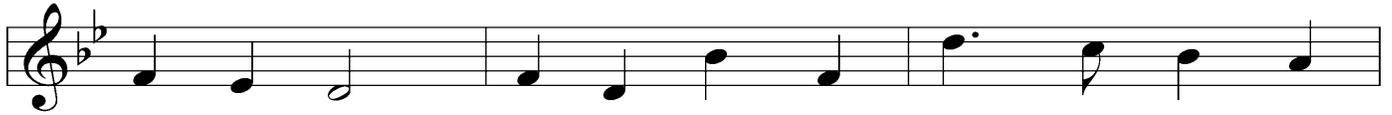
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

C (*sung*) **Amen, amen, 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.

THE POSTLUDE: “Regent Square”

arranged by John Behnke

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This Week With Our Lord, April 11-18, 2021

SUNDAY, April 11-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Noon Senior Youth meeting in the church basement hangout

4-6 p.m. 8th grade Junior Confirmation retreat at church

Monday, April 12- *PTL Bookfair this week*

10:00 a.m. Track Invitational with Red Bud Elementary

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

Tuesday, April 13-

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Christ, Jacob

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

7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meeting in school cafeteria

Wednesday, April 14-

8:20 a.m. School Chapel in new gym

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

10:00 a.m. Girls' Track OVC Invitational

2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in FH

7:00 p.m. Junior Confirmation Questioning at church

Thursday, April 15-

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

4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

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

Friday, April 16- 8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in the new gym

Saturday, April 17- *RBC Track Invitational*

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

2:00 p.m. Wedding of Trisha Scharf and Justin Emig

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Shamus Korves

SUNDAY, April 18-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Lilly Minemann

9:25 a.m. Sunday School & Being Lutheran classes in new gym

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (Confirmation) Acolyte: Colby Voss

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:

Maundy Thursday- Worship: 165; Communion: 116; Good Friday Worship- 176

Worship: 629; Holy Communion: 415; Adults & Youth: 24; Sunday School students: 34

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 4/4- General Fund: \$31,617.06; School: \$1,930; Debt: \$300; Sunday School: \$200; Automatic Giving: \$2,940. *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)

THRIVENT CHOICE DEPOSIT:

We have received over \$3900 in Thrivent Choice money. Thank you to those with Thrivent policies who have designated St. John’s to be the recipient of your Thrivent Choice funds!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

John 20:19 – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works should not be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Loving, caring, and sharing--it's what we do as God's family, His Church. Listen to “What It Means to Be a Family” (Acts 4:32-26) with Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Gerard Bolling 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).

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 “Exodus.” 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 email him at waterstreetw@csl.edu. He will send you a Zoom link.

NEW WOMEN’S BIBLE CLASS COMING:

An 8-week Women’s Bible Study will begin on April 28 meeting on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. “All Together Beautiful,” written by Heidi Goehmann, will explore the Old Testament book Song of Songs (Solomon). Please register for this class by April 14 by calling Vickie Heller (618/521-7417) or Janel Kassing (618/977-1175).

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The April to June issue 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 the people that you visit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS SING:

Nursery through 1st Grade Sunday School students will sing “This Little Gospel Light of Mine” in the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday. Children will sit with their families before and after singing.

CALLING FOR WORSHIP GREETERS:

Our Board of Elders wants to resume our practice of greeters for our worship services. Whether you have done this in the past or would be new to this ministry service, Pastor would like to hear from you. Please call or email him if you are willing to serve St. John’s in this way.

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. We will know on April 24 whether or not this position will be filled for us. This would replace our arrangement with Rev. Clifford Adair as our part-time Assistant to the Pastor.

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 want 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: 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; Columbia Convalescent- David Burgdorf

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

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Doris Mueller, Vernon/Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

4/11- Kathleen Mueth, Steven Notter, Stephen Uffelmann; 4/12- Rhonda Schaefer, Miranda Steining, Mark Moeller, Austin Whelan, Wyatt Cowell, 4/13- Pastor Mark Nebel, Sandra Henry, Jane Minemann, Dawn Schrader; 4/14- Alverda Rahn, Trish Sachtleben, Sydney Kassing; 4/15- Jacob Arbeiter, Mackenzie Schweizer, 4/16- Terri Dilley, Chase Jackson, Cali Hoffman, Jase Matzenbacher; 4/17- Roy Wirth, Carol Turner, Christine Deien, Claire Diewald, Cassidy Palm. Please call the office for corrections!

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Why do I need an estate plan? Without thoughtful preparation, discussion with legal counsel and the legal documents that flow from that process, you are leaving things "up in the air." Someone else will decide. That means a court will make your decisions for you and that judge may not care about the Christian faith, your family, or the support of Christ's kingdom. Led by God's Spirit, you can put that plan together, and it will be followed. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning

Counselor can help you get organized and to think and pray through your goals, getting you ready to meet with legal counsel. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

In a 20-year test of dementia-free people (average age of 59), those who reported the highest flavonoid (berries, apples and tea) intake were 40% less likely to develop dementia compared to those with the lowest intake.

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 the Church Calendar, Eastern Orthodoxy, Christians in a Woke World, The Prophet Jonah and more. What I Wish My Non-Lutheran Family Members Knew about the Church Calendar, Eastern Orthodoxy, Christians in a Woke World, The Prophet Jonah 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 1st Peter 2-3 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), finish 2nd Thessalonians and begin 1st Kings on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Renew, resume, or begin your partnership with KFUE Radio during Sharathon 2021 on April 22-24. Learn more at kfuo.org/sharathon!

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

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed (John 20:29) that even an embryo is a life worth having. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed that even becoming incapacitated or uncommunicative is a life worth living. Blessed are we who believe the Risen Savior proves every life precious!

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS:

Copies of a Daily Bible Reading Guide are in the entryway. This week's readings are: April 11th- Hebrews 4:14-5:10; April 12th- Hebrews 6:13-7:10; April 13th- Hebrews 7:11-28; April 14th- Romans 5:1-11; April 15th- Romans 5:12-21; April 16th- Romans 6:1-14; April 17th- Romans 6:15-23.

CONCERTS AT PEACE:

Peace Lutheran in Lemay presents a Special Brown Bag Concert for Senior Citizens on Wednesday, April 21 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot. Popular and Jazz pianist and singer Ken Kehner will provide music. You are invited to order a Brown Bag lunch (or bring your own) to enjoy during the concert from your car or lawn chair. To order lunch visit www.peacestlmusic.org or call the church office. This concert is courtesy of the St. Louis Musicians Union. Monday, April 19 is the deadline to order lunch.

RUMMAGE SALE AT ST. PAUL'S COLUMBIA:

The youth group at St. Paul's Lutheran in Columbia is hosting a Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 24, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Funds raised will help support our youth group activities. Whether you would like to shop or donate items, we greatly appreciate your support. Any and all items are accepted, but please no computers, TVs or clothing. Drop off that Thursday, 4-8 p.m. or that Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at 227 Goodhaven, Columbia, Route 3 and Bottom Avenue across from Walgreens.

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

Spring Online Auction: Bidding for our online auction will start April 30. You can start “window shopping” the auction now at coslhs.betterworld.org. If you are interested in helping or donating an item, please contact the office. Item donations should be brought to school before April 15. We will not be actively soliciting donations from small businesses this year.

Facilities Manager: *COS* looking to employ a part-time facilities manager for less than 20 hours a week. The work schedule is somewhat flexible. If you are interested, please call the office for more details.

Band Instructor Wanted: Position available for part-time band instructor at *COS* starting in August 2021. Contact us for more details.

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.

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

Illinois House Bill 1736 The R.E.A.C.H. Act

Responsible Education for Adolescents and Children's Health Act

As Christians living in a sin-filled world that has been redeemed by the blood of Christ, we are called to serve our neighbors. As citizens, we have the opportunity to defend and protect the school children of Illinois. The Illinois House of Representatives is considering the R.E.A.C.H Act, House Bill 1736. It has a high-sounding title, Responsible Education for Adolescents and Children's Health Act, yet this proposed legislation would:

- mandate comprehensive sex education in public schools...grades K-12;
- promote and affirm LGBTQ+ “lifestyles” and behaviors;
- promote gender identities, at variance from biological gender;
- promote deviant sexual experimentation for students;
- promote abortion;
- promote use of contraceptives outside of marriage; and
- discriminate against religious beliefs of students, parents and places of worship.

Please prayerfully consider contacting your Illinois House Representative and urge them to vote **NO on HB 1736**. This bill can be called to a vote as early as Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Time is of the essence. To find your Illinois legislators' names, phone numbers and email addresses, enter your address here: www.illinoispolicy.org/maps

Psalm 82:4 “Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

In Jesus, Monica Shannon, Life Coordinator, SID Advocates for Life sidclmslife@gmail.com

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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

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel
 Saturday Pianist: Mrs. Lynn Langrehr Sunday Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald
 Lectors: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Wade Waterstreet Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Taylor Guebert; (8 a.m.) Lucas Schwartzkopf; (10:30 a.m.) Ian Moll
 Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Irma Birkner and Sharon Koester Paraments: Irma Birkner

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)