

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 24 & 25, 2021**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**Red Bud, Illinois**

*Divine Service Three, page 184ff.*

**PRELUDE:** (5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) "The Shepherd's Staff"

*arranged by John A. Behnke*

(10:30 a.m.) "Brother James' Air"

*Bell Choir*

**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: 710 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"**



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
 walk doth make With - in the paths of  
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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*(Please stand if you are able.)*

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.

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 23



The LORD is | my shep-herd;

I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in | green pas-tures. He leads me beside | still wa-ters.

He re- | stores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for | His name's sake.

Even / though I walk through the valley of the shad- / ow of death,

I will fear no evil, for You | are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they | com-fort me.

You prepare a table / be-fore me in the presence of my | e-ne-mies;

You anoint my / head with oil; my cup | o-ver-flows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall / fol-low me all the days | of my life,

and I shall dwell / in the house the LORD | for-ev-er.

C 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.

### Kyrie (*sung*)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### 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.

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

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; 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. (*please be seated*)**

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** “The Lord Will Be My Shepherd” (N. Price & D. Besig) *Choir*

### THE FIRST READING: Acts 4:1-12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” A 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: 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:16-24**

By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. Whoever keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in them. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

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

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

**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 10:11-18**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

(Jesus said) "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father."

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. & 8 a.m.)* CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: ("The Church's One Foundation")

Oh, Lord, how can I tell You Just what You mean to me?

In ev'ry vale I go through, Your shepherd's love I see.

When I am lost and helpless, And stumbling in despair,

You come and gently lift me With arms of tender care.

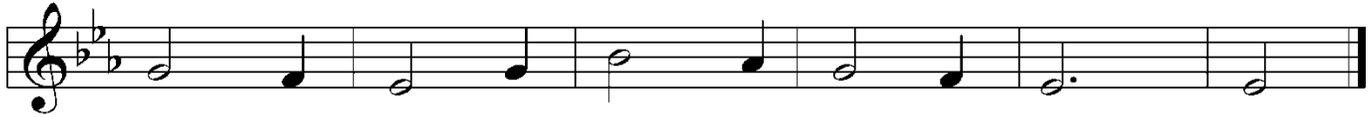
HYMN OF THE DAY: 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever! Public domain

### SERMON: "The Risen Lord Is My Shepherd" Psalm 23

*(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: Ed Luttman, Barb Ladwig, Dorothy Hartmann, Arlene Pratt, Rev. Russell Koen, Clyde Rowold, Martha Krick, Dennis Deterding, Rhonda Schaefer; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members*: Lori Voges, Barb Niermann, Doug Whelan, Velma Koenig, Bob Rothley, Bruce Schneider, 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 traveling this week on our school's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class trip to Washington DC

+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.

Shepherd of Israel, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have sought out Your sheep and gathered us with them into Your forgiven flock. Keep us always in Your fold, and guard us from every wolf of unbelief and snare of temptation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, as You breathed new life into the world through the resurrection of Your only Son, so now by Your Holy Spirit breathe new life into Your Church that, freed by His Gospel, we may always confess the name of Jesus Christ, the only name given among men by which we must be saved. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the opportunity that our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class members and their guests have this week on their trip to sites in our nation's history and government. We ask that You would bless their travels with safety, their days with learning, and their time together with fun and fellowship in the name of our Savior Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Lord, through the Paschal Lamb You have wrought peace between man and God. By Your gift of good government, grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world, that we and all our neighbors may lead quiet lives in godly contentment. Preserve our nation and its leaders, especially our president, our governor, other elected representatives, appointed officials, members of our military, law enforcement and emergency responders as they serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, by the firstfruits of Christ's life from the dead, You secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us *especially* Ed, Barb, Dorothy, Arlene, Pastor Koen, Clyde, Martha, Dennis, Rhonda, Lori, Barb, Doug, Velma, Bob, Bruce, Michelle, and those we name in our hearts. Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true and immortal health in the world to come. We thank You for the wonderful work of our healthcare personnel as they serve with care, devotion and dedication to their duty. Comfort those who weep the loss of loved ones to physical death with the blessed joy of Easter's resurrection message. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(10:30 a.m.) O Lord, our Shepherd, You calm all fears in this valley of the shadow of death, and You prepare the holy table of Your Son's testament in the presence of our enemies. Grant us repentant and faithful hearts. In every tribulation or sin, lead us to find comfort and strength in Your overflowing mercy given us in this Sacrament. 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 in 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. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice and 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.**

### CLOSING 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.**

### (5 p.m.) 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, a-men, a-men.**

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** “Benediction” (by John Ness Beck)

*Choir*

### CLOSING HYMN: 740 “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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### The Postlude: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

*arranged by J. Wayne Kerr*

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

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*.

### 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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*)**

### Anthem: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

*Bell Choir*

### Distribution Hymn: 711 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



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 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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### Distribution Hymn: 864 "Shepherd of Tender Youth"



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in  
 2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -  
 3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -  
 4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -  
 du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You  
 pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our  
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing  
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace  
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;  
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.  
 You so might save our race And give us life.  
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.  
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.

5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your praises high  
 And joyful sing: Infants and all the throng,  
 Who to the Church belong, Unite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

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### Distribution Hymn: "The Shepherd's Staff" (tune: "Crown Him With Many Crowns")

1. **Strong is the Shep-herd's staff, to com-fort, guide and lead;  
In pas-tures green He leads us now – sup-plies our ev-'ry need.  
We see the Shep-herd's staff; our call from God a-bove,  
To nour-ish well His sheep and lambs, to tend His flock in love.**
  
2. **God-less and dead-ly wolves seem now to have their day,  
Cor-rupt-ing ten-der heart and minds would lead our youth a-stray.  
How awe-some then our task, a chal-lenge for our days,  
To guard and guide our Shep-herd's lambs, in His own right-eous ways!**
  
3. **Hear now the Shep-herd's voice, His prom-ise strong and clear;  
"I know My own, My own know Me; My flock need nev-er fear.  
Safe in My Fa-ther's hand, no one can steal from Me  
The lambs once bought with My own blood, are Mine e-ter-nal-ly!"**

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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.**

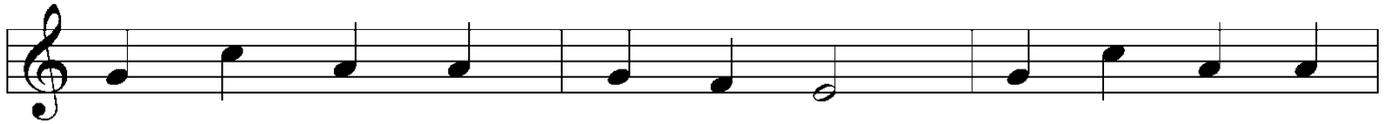
### **Thanksgiving**

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C** *(sung)* **and His mercy endureth forever.**  
**P** 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: 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"**



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heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

### THE POSTLUDE: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*Bell Choir*

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### *This Week With Our Lord, April 25-May 2, 2021*

#### SUNDAY, April 25-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

#### Monday, April 26- Principal Deitt Schneider on 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class trip to DC

6:30 p.m. Sunday School teachers meeting in the school library

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

#### Tuesday, April 27-

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center

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

1:15 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Garden Place

#### Wednesday, April 28

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

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

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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

7:00 p.m. Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting at church

Thursday, April 29-

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

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

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

Saturday, May 1-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Ava Clifford

9:00 p.m. Class of 2021 returns from its DC Trip

SUNDAY, May 2-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Sage Pensoneau

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 Acolyte: Macie Brown

Noon Senior Youth meets in their church basement hangout

### **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: 482; Holy Communion: 295; Adults & Youth: 45; Sunday School students: 37

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 4/18- General Fund: \$8,277.20; School: \$430. *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 10:14 – "I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me." What does this mean? It starts with being known by the Lord. He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him. In knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

Broken doesn't mean "disposable." Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how God redeems and repurposes broken people. Listen to "Replace or Repair?" (Jonah 2) 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 "Leviticus." DCE Bill Becker teaches a study called, "Being Lutheran." This class meets in the school library.

### **ZOOM BIBLE CLASS OFFERING:**

Seminarian Wade Waterstreet offers 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](mailto:waterstreetw@csl.edu). He will send you a Zoom link.

### **EVENING GUILD ACTIVITIES:**

LWML Facebook Live Bible Study is again this Thursday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. It is called “Psalm Helps When Times are Tough” by our LWML District Pastoral Advisors, Pastor Stephen Krenz and Pastor Steve Jacobsen. Facebook page: LWML Southern Illinois District

### **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 today by calling Vickie Heller (618/521-7417) or Janel Kassing (618/977-1175).

### **EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/SECRETARIAL POSITION AVAILABLE:**

With the retirement of Julie Ratz on June 15, the position of Executive Assistant/Secretary will be open. Applications are being accepted. The form is on our website at [www.stjohnsredbud.org](http://www.stjohnsredbud.org) under “Contact Us” in the navigation bar. General responsibilities are: record and report congregational finances; publish official communications; and keep congregational membership and cemetery records. Expectations are: represent St. John’s in a Christian manner; have basic skills in using Microsoft Word, Google Docs, Excel and Quickbooks; work with the pastor(s) in carrying out the daily duties necessary for the smooth operation of the congregation; build good public relations with congregation members and the general public; and live as a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ guided by God’s Word and the teachings of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Salary will be based on years of experience and the Salary Guidelines of The Southern Illinois District-LCMS.

### **CONGRATUATIONS:**

+St. John’s member and Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School senior Annelise Quinn was chosen Queen of its prom on April 17.

+St. John’s members and Red Bud High School seniors Kaleb Barriger, Claire Grohmann, Jordyn Mulherin, Avery Piel, and Jenna Salger were named to prom court.

+St. John’s members and Red Bud High School seniors Ben DeRousse, Ethan Fritsche, Adam Kiefer, Avery Piel, Dylan Roscow and school alumnus Meredith Whelan were recognized for being Illinois State Scholars.

### **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.

### **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. 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!:**

4/25- Ann Becker; 4/26- Connie Muench, Karen Liefer, Bailey Booker, Claire Grohmann, Ella Herriman; 4/27- Peggy Sitzes, Tiffany Wiegard, Aiden Kiefer; 4/28- Jamie Foster, Ashlynn Crafton, Layla Meyer, Emma Schlueter; 4/29- Pat Malik, Paul Schrieber, Ciara Hogendobler, Liam Quintin, Loxton Sutton; 4/30- Alpha Koester, Floyd Wolter, Timothy Guebert, Laurie Renner, Liza Wagner; 5/1- Ron Moeller, Lori Rees, Kyle Herriman, Byron Falkenhain, Kendall Liefer. *Please call the office for corrections!*

**PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health***

*Healthy Habits for Healthy Years:* People who follow A few well-known healthy habits could make their last decade of living disease-free compared with those who do not do so. Those well-known health habits are not smoking; limiting alcohol intake; eating a diet that includes fruits and vegetables; maintaining a healthy weight; and exercising at least 30 minutes per day.

**LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS:**

Copies of a Daily Bible Reading Guide are in the entryway. This week's readings are: April 25<sup>th</sup>- Isaiah 65:17-25; April 26<sup>th</sup>- Revelation 21:1-8; April 27<sup>th</sup>- Revelation 21:9-27; April 28<sup>th</sup>- Revelation 22:1-21; April 29<sup>th</sup>- Psalm 33; April 30<sup>th</sup>- Psalm 121; May 1<sup>st</sup>- John 3:1-21.

**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:**

Why do you need an estate plan and a way for distributing gifts through a plan? God has blessed you with relationships, with family or other loved ones, and with a connection to ministries you support today. Putting your plan together will continue that act of love toward those with whom you have been related throughout your earthly life, continually reminding them of their life in Jesus. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you think about these relationships with which you have been blest. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org) for more information.

**ISSUES, ETC.:**

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on 1 Corinthians. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUO Radio, AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org), a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**. This week on KFUO and [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) study 1 Peter 4 through 2 Peter 1 on Sharper Iron's "The Imperishable Inheritance" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), learn about 1 Kings 4-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and study our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (Saturday at 10:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

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

**Spring Online Auction:** Bidding for our online auction will start April 30 at 6:00 p.m. and run through May 7 at 9:00 p.m. You can “window shop” the auction at [coslhs.betterworld.org](http://coslhs.betterworld.org) without making an account. To bid, you will need to make an account and enter credit card information. You will be able to avoid paying any of the online fees by paying in person when you pick up your winning bid items on Saturday, May 8 between 9:00 & noon or contact us at [auction@coslhs.org](mailto:auction@coslhs.org) to arrange a different time. Find a computer savvy friend or grandchild to help you shop!

**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](http://www.coslhs.org). The cost of attending *COS* can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service.

**School Visitors:** Please follow state COVID guidelines when visiting school.

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

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Faculty and Staff

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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 (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Justin Palm

Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

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Church Council

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Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Clifford Adair Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak Lector: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Wade Waterstreet

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller

(10:30 a.m.) Jim and Judy Guebert; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Connor Bumann; (8 a.m.) Blayton Sutton; (10:30 a.m.) Landon Ruebusch

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

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

**LIFE THOUGHTS:** (*from Lutherans for Life*) [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)