

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
**May 16, 2021** (10:30 a.m.)

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

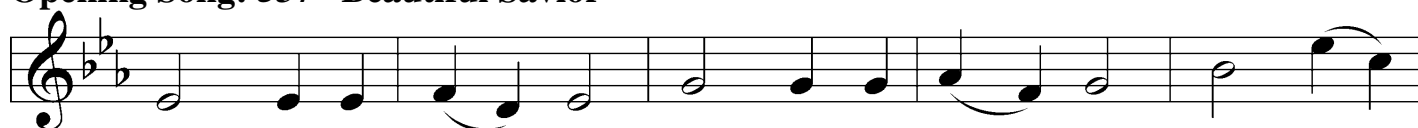
**PRELUDE:** "This Is a Joyous, Happy Day"

*arranged by Michael Larkin*

**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 Song: 537 "Beautiful Savior"**



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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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 27**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; **be gracious to me and answer me!**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; **whom shall I fear?**

One thing have I asked of the LORD, **that will I seek after:**

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD **all the days of my life,**  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD **and to inquire in His temple.**

For He will hide me in His shelter **in the day of trouble;**

He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; **He will lift me high upon a rock.**

For my father and my mother have forsaken me, **but the LORD will take me in.**

Wait for the LORD; **be strong and wait for the LORD!**

*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.*

**Song of Praise: "Brothers and Sisters in Christ"**

**1. Sing Alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend.**

**Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior and King!**

**Here brought together by grace, We are gathered as friends in this place.**

*(Refrain)* **And assembled as one, in the name of the Son, Lifting hearts, lifting hands,  
Celebrating as friends, And proclaiming the Lord,  
All our praises afford. We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**2. Man walked alone and in need, Without faith, hope or promise or creed:**

**Wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost;**

**That God in His mercy would save All His people from death and the grave. (Refrain)**

**3. Lord, teach us how to proclaim All Your goodness, Your love and Your name!**

**Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord how to live.**

**Raising our voices in song, Help us tell all the world we belong. (Refrain)**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

**C O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

## THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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 5:9-15**

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that He has borne concerning His Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning His Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.

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

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

**Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!**  
**Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!**  
**Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!**  
**Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!**

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:11b-19**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter. C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

**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: “This Is a Joyous, Happy Day”**

**This is a joy-ous, hap-py day; We cel-e-brate Your gift of life.  
Christ is with us, joy sur-rounds us. Christ takes our sin and sets us free;  
He fills our lives with end-less life. Christ is with us; Christ u-nites us.  
Praise our Maker, praise the Spir-it, praise Christ Je-sus. (repeat)**

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**SONG OF THE DAY: 861 “Christ Be My Leader”**



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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**SERMON: “We Are Fighting Behind Enemy Lines” John 17:11b-19**

This world is \_\_\_\_\_ to us because it is opposed to our \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus makes us \_\_\_\_\_ by His death/resurrection. He \_\_\_\_\_ us holy people into the world with His word of \_\_\_\_\_.

I. We Are Not of the World

A. We Live in the Land of the Evil One

The unbelieving world looks upon Christians as being \_\_\_\_\_  
Our sinful \_\_\_\_\_ has so ingrained itself in us that we believe wickedness is  
\_\_\_\_\_ and that righteousness is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. We Are Fighting a Different Kind of War

There are two major differences in our Christian warfare from usual fighting:

Instead of being our enemies, we see our opponents as objects of our \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Instead of being trained to kill our opponents, we are giving them \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Jesus Is Sent Into the World

### A. Jesus Prays for Our Protection

Now that Jesus no longer would be with His followers in a \_\_\_\_\_ way, He prays that His heavenly Father would grant gracious \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

### B. Jesus Sanctifies Himself by His Death and Resurrection

In what three ways has Jesus sanctified Himself?

1. By His innocent \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. By His \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. By \_\_\_\_\_ to His rightful place of honor and glory in \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. Jesus Sends Us Into the World

### A. We Have His Joy

Where is Jesus' complete joy given to us? \_\_\_\_\_

### B. We Have the Truth of Jesus' Word

As God's warriors behind enemy lines, with what are we armed? \_\_\_\_\_  
 God's truth is like \_\_\_\_\_. We may fight against it, but ultimately it makes its \_\_\_\_\_ felt.

Conclusion: We have different deployments in God's \_\_\_\_\_, but the same \_\_\_\_\_, the salvation of \_\_\_\_\_; the same weapon, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God; and the same \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus Christ, our holy \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Song of Response: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"**

### **1. We are one in the Spir-it, We are one in the Lord, (repeat)**

**And we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored.**

*(refrain)* **And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love,  
 Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.**

### **2. We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand, (repeat)**

**And to-geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (refrain)**

### **3. We will work with each oth-er, We will work side by side, (repeat)**

**And we'll guard each man's dig-ni-ty and save each man's pride. (refrain)**

*(please stand if you are able)*

### **4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Je-sus,**

**His on-ly Son, and all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us one. (refrain)**

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## **Prayer of the Church**

HEALING AND COMFORT: Ed Luttmann, Bob Carnahan, Dennis Deterding, Rhonda Schaefer; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Doug Whelan, Bob Rothley, Bruce Schneider, Michelle Dillon, Rev. Ron Jansen. *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*)

+God's blessings on the Christian wedding and marriage of Kory Liefer and Natalie Ruebke on May 22

+favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields this week

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

Lord God, heavenly King, once again You have gathered us before Your presence. Grant that we may dwell in Your house all the days of our lives and gaze upon Your beauty manifested here in Your Word and Sacrament. Graciously hear our prayers as we now inquire in Your temple. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all life, we pray for those who work the land and tend the livestock to provide all we need for our bodies and lives under Your gracious care. We ask for weather that is favorable, equipment that is dependable and strength that is sufficient for the work that is to be done. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all love that is true and pure, we join with Kory, Natalie and their families in asking You to be present among them on their wedding day, granting them holy joy in their gathering; and to be present with them in their married life, blessing their years together with health and happiness, peace and prosperity and a shared faith and forgiveness in the name of our Savior Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all nations, since it is Your will that we would pray for all in authority, we believe with confidence that You hear our prayers on behalf of our president, governor, Congress, legislature and judges. Teach them the testimony of truth, that they may be wise and effective in their offices. We pray also for the members of our military, law enforcement and emergency responders as they serve us in Your name so that they may do so honorably and according to Your good order. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Father, You have testified that eternal life is given in Your Son and that whoever has Him has life. You also promised that You will hear whatever we ask according to Your will. Hear now our prayers for all who are sick and in distress, thankful for our healthcare personnel who work on their behalf, remembering especially Ed, Bob, Dennis, Rhonda, Lori, Doug, Bob, Bruce, Michelle, Rev. Jansen and those we name in our hearts. Heal them and give life to all those who hold Your Son in faithful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, accept the prayers we offer through Your Son, our Savior, and keep us forever in Your name and Word, that we may be one as You are one. Sanctify us in the truth; Your Word is truth, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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.**

### **CLOSING COLLECT and BENEDICTION**

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.**

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.**

**Closing Song: "In Christ Alone"**

**1. In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.**

**This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.**

**Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again.**

**And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**



**The Postlude: “New Songs of Celebration Render”** *arranged by Valerie Floeter*

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**This Week With Our Lord, May 16-23, 2021**

**SUNDAY, May 16-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
 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 (Alternative)  
 11:00 a.m. Class of 2022 BBQ in the school parking lot

**Monday, May 17-**

7:00 p.m. Choir practice (last one) in the school music room  
 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, May 18-**

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Dutch Treat Night in Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, May 19-**

9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting  
 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
 2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in FH  
 6:30 p.m. Sports Award Banquet at Ratz Park  
 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall  
 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel)

**Thursday, May 20-**

8:30 a.m. Closing School Service in the new gym  
 11:00 a.m. End of School dismissal  
 6:30 p.m. Men’s Club fish fry gathering at church  
 6:30 p.m. Ladies Crafting Evening at Lieferbrau

**Friday, May 21-**

8:00 a.m. Faculty meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School Graduation

**Saturday, May 22-**

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Colt Hess

**SUNDAY, May 23- Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Kadin Liefer  
 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 Acolyte: Natalie Korando

**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: 329; Holy Communion: 100; Adults & Youth: 47; Sunday School students: 29

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 5/9- General Fund: \$14,627.25; School: \$465. *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.*” (Mal. 3:10)

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

1 John 5:12 – “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning, and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. We are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, and to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

Fear, love, and trust in the Lord is the way to Wisdom in person, and we meet God's eternal wisdom in Jesus, the Messiah. Listen to “Gain a Heart of Wisdom” (Psalm 90:12) 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).

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

Sunday Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets with Pastor Nebel this Sunday. Today's topic is “Deuteronomy.” 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 Saturdays from 4-4:40 p.m. To be part of “Stump the Seminarian” email him at [waterstreetw@csle.edu](mailto:waterstreetw@csle.edu). He will send you a Zoom link.

**GOD'S GIFT OF A NEW PASTOR:**

At the call service for Concordia Seminary in St. Louis on April 28 Seminarian Brian Nowak received the Divine Call that we along with St. John in Baldwin have extended for a Split-time Pastor who will serve us as an Associate Pastor and serve the Baldwin congregation as its Sole Pastor. He is a native of Chicago. He and his wife Heather have three children. We look forward to his installation here and his service among us beginning this summer. For us this will replace our arrangement with Rev. Clifford Adair as our part-time Assistant to the Pastor.

**NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS IS HERE:**

An 8-week Women's Bible Study has begun! They meet on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. “All Together Beautiful,” written by Heidi Goehmann, explores the Old Testament book Song of Songs (Solomon). For more information on this class call Vickie Heller (618/521-7417) or Janel Kassing (618/977-1175).

**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.

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES:**

Please contact our office with the names of St. John's members who have or are graduating from some level of education this school year. We want to acknowledge them in our school's graduation service folder, our weekend worship bulletins and our June newsletter. For those graduating from college, please include the type of degree they are receiving. Thank you!

**EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/SECRETARIAL POSITION AVAILABLE:**

Applications are being accepted for our position of Executive Assistant/Secretary. 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations to Avery Piel for being named prom Queen and for being Lions Club student of the month for April at Red Bud High School!

**CLASS OF 2022 BBQ FUNDRAISER:**

The Class of 2022 (current 7<sup>th</sup> grade) will hold a fundraising barbeque this Sunday, May 16 in our school parking lot beginning at 11 a.m. The menu will be pork steaks, brats, potato salad, baked beans and slaw. There will be a free-will offering bake sale and the selling of Code 3 spices also.

**UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m. Sports Awards Banquet (Ratz Park?)

Thursday, May 20, 8:30 a.m. Closing Chapel Service; 11 a.m. dismissal

Tuesday, May 25 7 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation in the church sanctuary

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

**Mark your calendars!!** Vacation Bible School will take place from June 7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. at the church. Children who have just finished 3-year old Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. (Please notice the change in age. It goes according to the grade you just finished in school rather than the grade you will be entering.) Online registration will be advertised soon!!

**CPH SUMMER READING PROGRAM:**

This is a summer reading program that is all about Jesus. It encourages kids to read all summer so they build vocabulary and comprehension skills while learning more about their Savior. CPH runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 13. Any books children read will earn them points, and if they log 1,000 points by August 13, they will be entered in for a chance to win awesome prizes. For more information, please grab a flier from the Media Board in the school lobby.

**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, Omer and Neva Liefer, Orville Liefer, 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, Lou Ann Gerlach, Willie Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth and Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

5/16- Samantha Lee; 5/17- Kim Valentine, Madison Pensoneau, Carson Bowles; 5/18- Stacia Clifford, Wyatt Clifford; 5/19- Joyce Mesnarich, Candace Horrell, Julia Tribo; 5/20- Robert Turner, Dylan Minemann; 5/21- Denis vanBuren, John Tepe, Kevin Florreich, Trenton Wagner, Paxton Hoffman; 5/22- Sandra Mueth, Janet Papenberg, Kent Liefer. *Please call the office for corrections!*

**ST. PETER'S UCC MUSIC SERIES:**

On Friday, May 21 from 6-9 p.m. Zane Prosser, Denise Voegele and friends will perform in the lot on the south side of St. Peter's UCC here in Red Bud. Bring your own drinks and lawn chairs. Food and desserts will be available for a freewill offering.

**LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS:**

Copies of a Daily Bible Reading Guide are in the entryway. This week's readings are: May 16<sup>th</sup> – Ephesians 5:1-20; May 17<sup>th</sup>- Ephesians 6:10-20; May 18<sup>th</sup>- Romans 8:1-17; May 19<sup>th</sup>- Romans 8:18-39; May 20<sup>th</sup>- Ezekiel 36:1-15; May 21<sup>st</sup>- Ezekiel 36:16-38; May 22<sup>nd</sup>- Joel 2:28-3:8.

**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:**

Twenty years ago, you put a plan together when your list of assets was much different than it is today. Your investment advisor is different. You do not own the same accounts. You may have rolled over 401ks into an IRA. An insurance policy disappeared; another has changed status. Do you understand the significance of all those changes? Have you properly filled out beneficiary designation change forms? You LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help connect the dots between current assets and past plans, identifying where there may have been some drift. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org) for more information.

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

Jesus' solution to human suffering is not to end life but to accompany it (John 17:15). Christians resist assisted suicide because we have the privilege of carrying a neighbor's cross instead of letting it crush him or her. In this way our Lord makes us one as He and the Father are one (John 17:11). And we receive nothing less than the fullness of His joy (John 17:13)!

### **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 you can listen to expert guests discuss: The Church's Response to Transgenderism, Infant Baptism, Natural Law, The Bodily Resurrection of Christ, Western Civilization, Revisionist History 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](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

### **KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUE 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 @KFUE.org, Facebook, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**. This week on KFUE and [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) study Jeremiah 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), dig into 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 17-20 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear a practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (Saturday at 10:00 a.m.). Download our new KFUE Radio iOS or Android app to listen live or on demand!

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

**Donations:** If you missed the opportunity to make a purchase or donation at the auction, you can do so by mailing a gift. Donations can also be made online through links on our website.

**COS Track:** Our next track meet is May 20, in Chester at 4:00 p.m.

**Last Day of School** for 2021-2021 is May 20. The office will be open Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. through May 28.

**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 still 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). Financial aid based on need is available.

**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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 Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 340-6055  
 Director of Christian Education and School Librarian – Mr. Bill Becker 282-2958  
 Athletic Director – Justin Palm 214-1103 Secretaries - Julie Ratz & Jessica Schloemann  
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 Junior Youth -- Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow 282-5343  
 Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 853-7300

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 (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  
 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 and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak  
 Lectors: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Wade Waterstreet; (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker  
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller (8 a.m.) Kalin and Kathy Liefer  
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Sofia Jones; (8 a.m.) Brody Stellhorn; (10:30 a.m.) Trenton Wagner  
 (10:30 a.m.) Instrumentalists: Jonathan and Lindsey Hudak  
 Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr  
 Flower Servers: Alice Guebert and Becky Biffar Paraments: Ella Hemmer