

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

May 8 & 9, 2021

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*St. John's Lutheran Church*

**Red Bud, Illinois**

**PRELUDE: "Joyous Day!"** *by John Leavitt*

**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: 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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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 66



Come and hear, all you | who fear God, and I will tell what He has done | for my soul.  
Shout for joy to God, | all the earth; sing of His name; give to Him glo- | ri-ous praise!  
Bless our God, | O peo-les; let the sound of His | praise be heard,  
who has kept our soul among | the liv-ing and has not let | our feet slip.  
Blessèd | be God, because He has not removed His steadfast | love from me!

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.

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

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** “The Church’s One Foundation” (arr. by Carl Schalk)           *Choir*

### **THE FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-38**

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.    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 5:1-8**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. For this is the love of God,

that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.   **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 15:9-17**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

**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:

**God is so good, God is so good, God is so good He's so good to me.**

**He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He's so good to me.**

**He loves me so, He loves me so, He loves me so, He's so good to me.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: 700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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**SERMON:** “Abiding in Jesus’ Love and Experiencing His Friendship” John 15:9-17

*(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:** Doris Mueller, Ed Luttmann, Barb Ladwig, Arlene Pratt, 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 Rochevoss, 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)*  
 +thanksgiving for our mothers, especially those who raised us in the Christian faith

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

Blessed God, You do not reject our prayers or remove Your steadfast love from us. You invite us to freely hear Your Word. Increase our faith, that we may rightly fear You and learn what You have done for our souls. Hear us now and answer us in Your love for Your whole Church and for all people according to their needs. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, You make known the good news of peace through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Bless and direct the work of our missionaries that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment You also have given us to obey. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers whom You have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, You rule this world by Your established authorities in ways that we do not always understand; yet in the name of Jesus, we may ask You anything freely as friends and sons. Bless our nation's leaders and cause them to serve wisely for our good, praying 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. Give earthly peace and justice that is in accord with Your commandments and the order You have revealed. Bring an end to injustice, violence and disdain for Your truth, and let us receive all good with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, the Giver of all that is good, grant Your healing and support to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, remembering *especially* Doris, Ed, Barb, Arlene, Bob, Dennis, Rhonda, Lori, Doug, Bob, Bruce, Michelle, Rev. Jansen and those we name in our hearts. Give them also the gift of Your grace to accept and bear their crosses with faith in You, that finally they would be prepared to depart this life and receive the gift of eternal life in Your kingdom. We thank You for the wonderful work of our healthcare personnel as they serve with care, devotion and dedication to their duty. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(10:30 a.m.) Dear Father, at the death of Your Son You gave the testimony of Your Spirit in the water and blood that poured from His wounded side. Grant that, having received this testimony in the water of Baptism, we may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper and overcome the world by faith in Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, Heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through 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 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.**

*(please be seated)*

*(8 a.m.)* **ANTHEM:** “Easter Response” (by Richard Gieseke)

*Choir*

**Closing Hymn: “A Christian Wife and Mother”** (tune: “The Church’s One Foundation”)

**1. A Chris-tian wife and moth-er, God’s gift from heav’n a-bove**

**To mem-bers of her fam-’ly a source of con-stant love,**

**A help-mate to her hus-band in good and e-vil days,**

**A bless-ing to her chil-dren in e’er so man-y ways.**

**2. She looks with love and fa-vor up-on her chil-dren fair,**

**As pre-cious gifts from heav-en God gave in-to her care.**

**With Chris-tian ad-mo-ni-tion and nur-ture in the Lord**

**She trains them well and wise-ly with Scrip-ture’s full ac-cord.**

**3. Thank God for Chris-tian moth-ers, re-mem-ber them today,**

**And call up-on your Sav-ior to bless their earth-ly stay.**

**They are a na-tion’s for-tress, a strong-hold in the home,**

**We hon-or and sa-lute them now and in life to come.**

**The Postlude: “C Major”***by Georg Friedrich Handel**(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)*

**Distribution Hymn: 490 “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”**



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;  
 This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.  
 Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence! Public domain

### Distribution Hymn: 642 "O Living Bread From Heaven"



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You  
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en  
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me  
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed  
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, wondrous food of  
 The treasures of Your grace; For You have freely  
 The cup of endless joy. My Lord, I do not  
 To serve with holy fear. And when You call my



bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this  
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of  
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my  
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.  
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.  
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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### Distribution Hymn: 829 "Christ the Eternal Lord"



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;  
 Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture's page;  
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
 Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

5 Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,  
 Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;  
 When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne  
 Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

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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.**

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 As pre-cious gifts from heav-en God gave in-to her care.  
 With Chris-tian ad-mo-ni-tion and nur-ture in the Lord  
 She trains them well and wise-ly with Scrip-ture's full ac-cord.**

**3. Thank God for Chris-tian moth-ers, re-mem-ber them today,  
 And call up-on your Sav-ior to bless their earth-ly stay.**

**They are a na-tion's for-tress, a strong-hold in the home,  
We hon-or and sa-lute them now and in life to come.**

**The Postlude: "C Major"**

*by Georg Friedrich Handel*

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**This Week With Our Lord, May 9-16, 2021**

**SUNDAY, May 9- Happy Mother's Day!**

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, May 10- No Choir practice**

**Tuesday, May 11- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Springfield**

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

**Wednesday, May 12-**

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 the Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel)

**Thursday, May 13- The Ascension of Our Lord**

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at church Acolyte: Luke Quintin

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service at church Acolyte: Kadence Koen

**Friday, May 14- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Perry County, MO**

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in the new gym

**Saturday, May 15-**

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Sofia Jones

**SUNDAY, May 16-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Brody Stellhorn

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 (Alternative) Acolyte: Trenton Wagner

11:00 a.m. Class of 2022 BBQ in the school parking lot

**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: 276; Holy Communion: 130; Adults & Youth: 47; Sunday School students: 40

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 4/25- General Fund: \$19,006; School: \$1,075; Debt: \$300; Sunday School: \$200. *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<sup>st</sup> John 5:3 – “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.” God’s commandments are not burdensome. That’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and to rejoice in the Law of the Lord. The love of God is that we keep His commandments.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

A preacher who gets upset when people take his message seriously--that's the story of Jonah. Listen to “Seriously?” (Jonah 1-4) 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 Rev. Adair this Sunday. Today’s topic is a mission trip to Panama. 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.

**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.

**ASCENSION DAY HOLY COMMUNION:**

Forty days after His resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday Jesus Christ ascended into heaven before the eyes of His followers. As His modern-day disciples we observe that event this Thursday with Holy Communion services at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. in church.

**EPISTLES:**

The May edition of our congregation’s newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy on the tables in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been sent by email to those for whom Pastor has an email address.

**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:**

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.

**CLASS OF 2022 BBQ FUNDRAISER:**

The Class of 2022 (current 7<sup>th</sup> grade) will hold a fundraising barbeque on 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

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

+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. Congratulations to Avery for being named prom Queen.

+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.

+Basketball Awards: Parker VanDorn (MVP & defense), Easton Lucht (Hustle), Claire Grohmann (Miss Musketeer), Hannah Sievers (hustle), and Addi Dilley (Rookie of the Year)

+RBHS Academic Team is 4<sup>th</sup> in State with Ethan Fritsche, Avery Piel, Ben DeRousse, Dylan Roscow, Katie Schneider, Megan Henry and Hannah Sievers.

+Grayden Schloemann: State champion wrestler for third year in a row!

### **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 long, so they build vocabulary and comprehension skills while learning more about their Savior. CPH runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 13, 2021. 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!:**

5/9- Wil Krick, Curtis Schrieber, Connor Liefer; 5/10- Joan Ruwald; 5/11- Kevin Hartmann, Danette Miller, James Ratz, Danielle Liefer; 5/12- Alyce Niklich, Jesse Crafton, Noah Tepe; 5/13- Marlene Deterding, Meike Hoock, Jackie Quintin, Carla Hess, Jackson Muench, Alexa Cheek, Coral Hess, Henry Veath; 5/14- Eugene Stamm, Rebecca Moeller, Christa Brundage, Marcy Watters; 5/15- JoAnn Kunkel, Scott Burmester, Erin Hewitt, Avery Piel. *Please call the office for corrections!*

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

*Habits that Strengthen Your Immunity-* 2) Eating Green Vegetables- These plants provide key nutrients known to help immune function, including vitamins A and C, plus folate. The recommend amount is at least three cups per week. The best green vegetables for boosting your immune system include kale, collards, broccoli, cabbage and Brussels sprouts. Eat raw broccoli with dip if you have to, but try it sauteed, stir-fried or oven-roasted with a light coating of olive oil, garlic and pepper.

**LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS:**

Copies of a Daily Bible Reading Guide are in the entryway. This week's readings are: May 9<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:1-15; May 10<sup>th</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:16-5:10; May 11<sup>th</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:11-6:13; May 12<sup>th</sup>- Psalm 47; May 13<sup>th</sup>- Acts 1:1-11; May 14<sup>th</sup>- Acts 1:12-26; May 15<sup>th</sup>- Galatians 5:16-6:10.

**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:**

Estate plans need review because life is not static. It changes constantly. You want to make sure that all the people you love and all the ministries you care about are actually written into your gift plan with God's gifts. Each birth of a grandchild, change in employment status or move to a new location is a trigger that it is time to review your plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you verify the basic elements of your plan, getting you ready to meet with your attorney. 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)

“My body, my choice,” says a sinful world. “You did not choose Me, but I chose you” (John 15:16), answers a loving God. Motherhood comes about by His gift, not because of our will. Choice forces us to look out only for number one, but grace invites us to “love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12). Praise the Lord for a mother’s love!

**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 teachings include: Justification, The Means of Grace, The Theology of the Cross, Christology, Vocation, Living in Two Kingdoms and Worship. 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.

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

**Thank you for supporting COS through our Spring Online Auction.** If you were not able to pick up your items on Saturday, please send call school or send an email to [auction@coslhs.org](mailto:auction@coslhs.org) to make arrangements to pick up your items.

**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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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: Rev. Clifford Adair 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.) Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele  
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Morgan Kent; (8 a.m.) Austin Kiefer; (10:30 a.m.) Gavin Baldwin  
 Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr  
 Flower Servers: Alice Guebert and Becky Biffar Paraments: Ella Hemmer