



*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*St. John's Lutheran Church*  
 Red Bud, Illinois May 14-15, 2022 5 p.m. & 8 a.m.



PRELUDE: (Sat.) "Simple Gifts" arranged by Charles W. Ore  
 (Sunday) "The Promises" Bell Choir

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

**OPENING HYMN: 818 "In Thee Is Gladness"**

**In Thee is glad-ness A-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my heart.  
 By Thee are giv-en The gifts of heav-en, Thou the true Re-deem-er art.  
 Our souls Thou wak-est, Our bonds Thou break-est; Who trusts Thee sure-ly  
 Has built se-cure-ly; He stands for-ev-er; Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are pin-ing  
 To see Thy shin-ing, Dy-ing or liv-ing To Thee are cleav-ing;  
 Naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Since He is ours--, We fear no pow-ers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
 He sees and bless-es In worst dis-tress-es; He can change them with a breath.**

**Where-fore the sto-ry Tell of His glo-ry With hearts and voic-es:  
 All heav'n re-joic-es In Him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for glad-ness,  
 Tri-umph o'er sad-ness, Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him  
 Glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!** Public domain

*Divine Service Four* (pages 203ff.)

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** *(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: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, (and) call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**



**changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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)*

*(Sunday)* **ANTHEM:** “To God Be the Glory”

*Bell Choir*

**THE FIRST READING:**

**Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” But Peter began and explained it to them in order: “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven.

And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave the same gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

**P:** 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 SECOND READING:**

**Revelation 21:1–7**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a

loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And He who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also He said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be His God and he will be My son.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if you are able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 205

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**John 16:12-22**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Jesus said) “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.” So some of His disciples said to one another, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does He mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.”

Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

*(Sunday) Nicene Creed (page 206)*

**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)***

*(Sat.) Apostles' Creed (page 207)*

**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)***

*(Sat.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

**Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises. *(repeat)***

**I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.**

**You came from heav-en to earth to show the way.**

**From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;**

**From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;**

**Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY: 653 "In Christ There Is No East or West"**



1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
 2 With God there is no tribe or race;  
 3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name  
 4 Join hands, disciplines of the faith,  
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -  
 In Him we all are one. He loves us as His  
 Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,  
 What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther  
 In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
 chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.  
 hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!  
 as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

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**SERMON:** (*Saturday*) “Just Wait” John 16:12-22

(*Sunday*) “God Grants Gifts to Gentiles (Like Us!)” Acts 11:1-18

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*please stand if you are able*)

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Barb Ladwig, Mary Schultz, Elroy Stellhorn, Ruth Hecht, Janel Kassing, Peggy Hanebutt, Wil Krick, Cindy Stellhorn, Ken Williams, Kim Herriman, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Betty Deterding, Rev. Mark Willig, Tom Lewis, Susan Sochowski, Ava Kern, Linda Kaaz, Stephanie Reinhardt, Gerald Stellhorn, Wade Koester. *Help us keep this list current!*

**MILITARY:** (*Please call with names.*) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; Navy- Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines-Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann; National Guard: Jeremiah Brandt

**EMERGENCY PERSONNEL:** Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin

Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Jason Palm, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow, Aaron Runge (*Please call our office with names.*)  
 +favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields this week  
 +thanks for the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of John & Norma Preston May 19  
 +our Divine Call to Stephen Woolery to be 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher  
 +those suffering from violence and aggression in the nation of Ukraine

Lord of heaven and earth, in the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus, You have given the promise of our own resurrection. As we await the Last Day, calm our hearts and strengthen our faith through our sorrows. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have fashioned the Church as a heavenly Bride for Your risen Son. Grant her Your Spirit, that she may always listen to His deathless voice and ever declare His message of salvation. We pray that You will guide Stephen as he considers how best to serve You and your people with the call he has from You to teach Your children here at St. John's. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, lead Your people in Your steadfast love, and guide them in strength to Your holy abode. Sanctify our homes, be the companion of those who live alone, and make all our households places in which Your wisdom and grace are found. We join with John and Norma in thanking You for Your many blessings to them over these 50 years of their marriage. We thank You for their earthly example of the relationship Your Son, our groom Jesus, has with us, His bride the Church. We trust that You will continue to bless John and Norma as they enter a new year of their lives together lived in Your name and for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Lord, You hold all people accountable for the responsibilities You have given them. O Lord, bless our president, our governor, the Congress and legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Guide them to serve according to Your will and for the common good of all. Raise up those with heroic virtue who will defend our liberty. Protect those who defend us in our nation's armed forces, as law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency responders. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of all blessings, we thank You for the bounty of the earth. We pray for favorable weather for farming this week, for the safety of those who work the land and tend the livestock, for dependable equipment and for physical strength necessary to get the job done to prepare a crop for harvest in the fall. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Alpha and Omega, You pledge to bring all things to their perfect consummation. You will bring heaven to earth and banish sorrow, sin and death. Sustain Barb, Mary, Elroy, Ruth, Janel, Peggy, Wil, Cindy, Ken, Kim, Marcy, Zac, Betty, Rev. Mark, Tom, Susan, Ava, Linda, Stephanie, Gerald, Wade *and all* those now in tribulation whom we name in the silence of our hearts. By the comfort of Your Holy Word, increase their faith and see them through their trials. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Great God of all peace, we pray for those in Ukraine suffering from aggression and violence, mourning the loss of life and livelihood, enduring the destruction of house and business, and dealing with the disruption of all they are used to having. We pray for protection and safety, for repentance and restitution, for aid and recovery, even as You give peace to all nations who hear and obey Your word of life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*(Sunday)* Compassionate Lord, You have given us both bread for the body and Christ, the bread of life. Prepare us now to receive with faith and thanksgiving His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all sin. Unite us that we may believe and confess one faith and bring us to that day when we shall be one people together at the table of our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we wait for the second coming of Your resurrected Son. Grant us patience as we long to see Him, and even now give us joy at His presence with us through the Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

*(Saturday service concludes 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.**

Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the

blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:** page 212

P: Let us bless the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**CLOSING HYMN: 482 “This Joyful Eastertide”**

**This joy-ful Eas-ter-tide A-way with sin and sor—row!**  
**My love, the Cru-ci-fied, Has sprung to life this mor—row:**  
*Refrain* **Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris-on,**  
**Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a-ris-en,**  
**a-ris-en, a-ris-en ; But now has Christ a-ris—en!**

**Death’s flood has lost its chill Since Je-sus crossed the riv—er;**  
**Lov-er of souls, from ill My pass-ing soul de-liv-er: *refrain***

**My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea-son slum—ber**  
**Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in num—ber: *refrain***

**POSTLUDE: “This Joyful Eastertide”**

*arranged by John A Behnke*

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*(Sunday)* **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

**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. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

P The Lord be with you.      **C      And also with you.**

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless

blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth a-dored;**

**Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.**

**Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;**

**Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death into the promised land of life eternal. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

### **The Words of Our Lord and The Pax Domini**

P ....The peace of the Lord be with you always.      C      Amen.

### **Agnus Dei (*sung*)**

**1 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;**

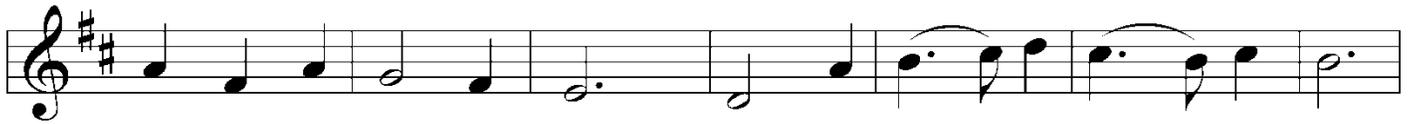
**O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;**

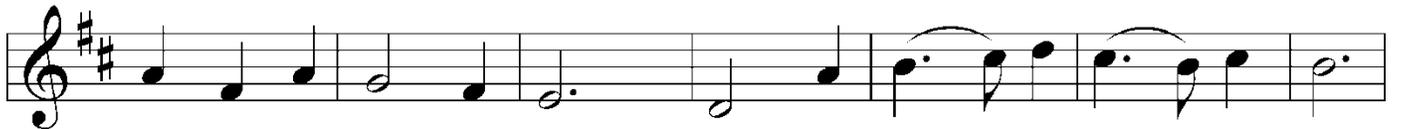
**Have mer-cy on us, Je- sus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** (*please be seated*)  
**467 “Awake My Heart With Gladness”**



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;  
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;  
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!  
 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.  
 But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.  
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.  
 Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
 For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry  
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take  
 Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.  
 He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
 The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.  
 It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;  
 Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.  
 My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.  
 Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;  
 My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through.  
 He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;  
 He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,  
 Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:

“Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;  
Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified.” Public domain

### 700 “Love Divine, All Love’s 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



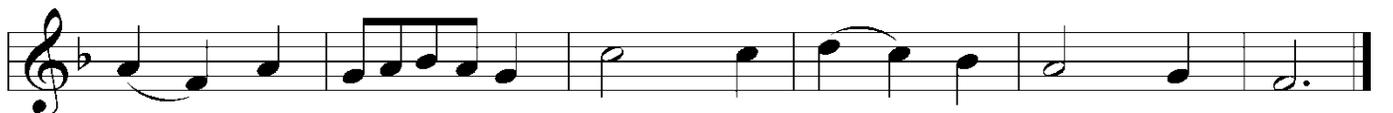
hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



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

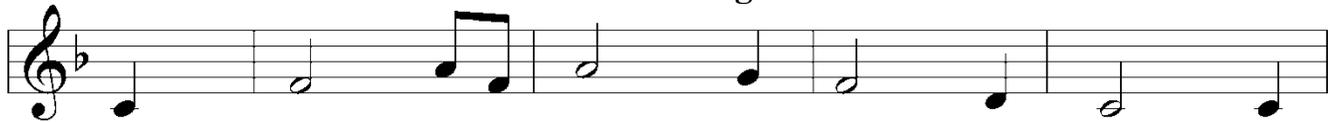


bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

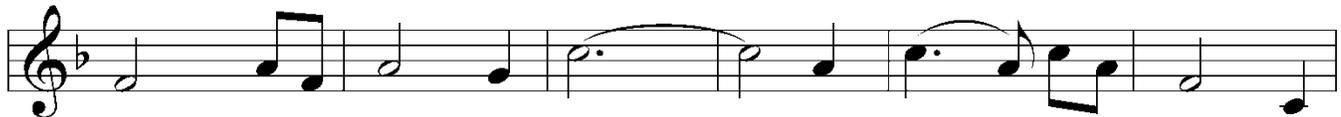


Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## 744 "Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

**NUNC DIMITTIS: "Song of Simeon" page 211 (*please stand*)**

**O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-part in heav'n-ly peace,**

**For I have seen the glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing grace:**

**A light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-to Your ho-ly hill,**

**The glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.**

**All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All glo-ry to the Son,**

**All glo-ry to the Spir-it, For-ev-er Three in One;**

**For as in the be-gin-ning, Is now, shall ev-er be,**

**God's tri-une name re-sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.**

### Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may

be enabled constantly to serve You; ; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

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P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**CLOSING HYMN: 482 “This Joyful Eastertide”**

**This joy-ful Eas-ter-tide A-way with sin and sor—row!**  
**My love, the Cru-ci-fied, Has sprung to life this mor—row:**  
*Refrain* **Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris-on,**  
**Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a-ris-en,**  
**a-ris-en, a-ris-en ; But now has Christ a-ris—en!**

**Death’s flood has lost its chill Since Je-sus crossed the riv—er;**  
**Lov-er of souls, from ill My pass-ing soul de-liv-er: *refrain***

**My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea-son slum—ber**  
**Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in num—ber: *refrain***

**THE POSTLUDE: “This Joyful Eastertide”**

*arranged by John A Behnke*

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***This Week With Our Lord, May 15-22, 2022***

**SUNDAY, May 15-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and HS Youth classes at school  
 9:30 a.m. Adult (FH & SL) Bible classes  
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

**Monday, May 16- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Concordia Seminary**

7:00 p.m. Church Council meets in the school library  
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school’s music room

**Tuesday, May 17-**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Dutch Treat Night at the Uptown B&G

**Wednesday, May 18-**

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service in the new gym

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1<sup>st</sup> Kings)

Thursday, May 19- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Perry Co. MO

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Matthew)

Friday, May 20-

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

Saturday, May 21-

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Ty Voss

SUNDAY, May 22-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Olivia Valleroy

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and HS Youth classes at school

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible classes in FH and school library

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Kendall Crafton

Noon Mrs. Schneider's Retirement Dinner/Program in our school's old gym

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:** *Thank you and God's blessings!*

+Flowers on the pedestal are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John & Norma Preston which they will celebrate May 19th.

+Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the holy baptism of Tripp Clifford Fleming. They are a gift from Julie and Jeff Moll.

+To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

**SINGING IN WORSHIP:**

Students in grades Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> will sing "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" in the 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday, May 15.

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:**

Worship: 394; Communion: 182; Adult/Youth: 33; Sunday School: 36

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 5/8- General: \$14,997.17; School: \$230; Debt: \$100. *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)

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

To make sense of a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle, one needs to know "the big picture." The Bible is like that, too. Listen to "What the Bible Is About" (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:3-5) with Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio on Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM.

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

Revelation 21:1 – “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.” The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, which have been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use “unrighteous mammon” for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?

**HOLY BAPTISM:**

We welcome Tripp Clifford Fleming into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in Sunday’s late service. He is the son of Jarrett Fleming and Logan Stirnaman. His baptismal sponsors are Griffin Ziebold and Mckenna Krebel. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

**WECLOME NEW MEMBER:**

We welcome Jeffrey Moll into communicant membership at St. John’s through the Rite of Confirmation in Sunday’s late service. His wife is Julie (Stellhorn/Fleming) Moll. Please greet him warmly as a new member to our family of faith.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL:**

Pre-Kindergarten: Addy Moll; First Grade: Avery Moll, Elsie Liefer, Liza Wagner; Third Grade: Holden Wagner; Fourth Grade: Payton Liefer; Sixth Grade: Norah Wagner. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

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

Adult Bible Class in the school library with Mr. Palm: “Being Lutheran”

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Nebel: “Minor Prophets”

High School Bible Class in Mr. Becker’s classroom: “Right Now Media”

**DIVINE CALL EXTENDED:**

At our quarterly Voters Assembly meeting on April 27, St. John’s extended a Divine Call to Stephen Woolery of Valley Lutheran School in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to be our next 8<sup>th</sup> Grade homeroom teacher and upper grades math and science instructor. Please remember his consideration of this call in your prayers.

**SENIOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER:**

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. A money box for payment (honor system) is next to the card display. We also have full boxes of greeting cards for sale. They cost \$30 for 30 cards and come with a lovely storage box.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

+Red Bud High School Prom Court included St. John’s members Queen Molly Ellner, Maggie DuFrenne, Madison Pensoneau and Junior attendant Aubrey Piel! King Nick Fehr is an alumnus of St. John’s Elementary School.

+Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher Nancy Whelan was chosen VFW District 14 National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year for the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades.

**EVENING GUILD GATHERING:**

Dutch Treat Night: Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Uptown Bar & Grill. We look forward to seeing all of you before our summer break. Join us for dinner, a short business meeting, devotions, and fellowship.

**OUR ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT:**

St. John's school athletes, families and coaches will gather in the old gym on Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. for our annual Sports Awards Night. Each family attending please bring a dessert to share for the evening. Thank you!

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION:**

We will hold the retirement celebration for our school principal Mrs. Deitt Schneider on Sunday, May 22 with a dinner and program in the school's old gym beginning at noon. If you are not able to attend, your card of congratulations can be sent to school.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Tues., May 24, 7 p.m. Graduation; Thurs., May 26, 7 p.m. Ascension Communion

**JUNIOR YOUTH EVENT:**

Junior Youth (grades 4-8) will go to SkyZone in Fairview Heights on Saturday, May 28th. Time is TBD, but we are planning 10 a.m.-12 p.m. We will attend a 2-hour open jump session. Tickets plus socks and tax will be approximately \$33 per jumper. Chaperones are needed to drive and may participate in the jump if they wish with purchase of their own ticket. Siblings are welcome to attend as well with a ticket purchase. Please contact Stephanie Valleroy if your child can attend and/or you can drive and chaperone.

**TABLES AND CHAIRS NEED TO BE RETURNED!:**

Those who have borrowed tables and chairs from St. John's, they need to be returned this week. We will need them for our retirement celebration next Sunday!

**PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS:**

Kindergarten Registration is <https://forms.gle/XzTLYhhTWB8Uy6KU7>. The web address for Preschool Registration is <https://forms.gle/CrPsj1hnshM6Y74M9>.

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES:**

Please contact our office (282-2394) with the name of any St. John's members who are graduating from any level of education this year (other than our own 8<sup>th</sup> graders) so that we can acknowledge their achievement in our graduation worship folder, weekend worship bulletin and June edition of *The Epistle*.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Vacation Bible School will be June 13-17, 9-11 a.m. at church. Children who have finished 3-yr-old Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may attend.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

5/14- Eugene Stamm, Becky Moeller, Christa Brundage, Marcy Watters; 5/15- JoAnn Kunkel, Erin Hewitt, Avery Piel; 5/16- Samantha Lee; 5/17- Kimberly Valentine, Madison Pensoneau, Carson Bowles; 5/18- Stacia Clifford, Wyatt Clifford; 5/19- Joyce Mesnarich, Candance Horrell, Julia Tribo; 5/20- Bob Turner, Dylan Minemann; 5/21- Denis vanBuren, John Tepe, Kevin Florreich, Trenton Wagner, Paxton Hoffman. *Call with corrections!*

**CARDS WELCOMED:**

Mary Schultz, wife of late Pastor Donald Schultz, fell and broke her leg on Easter Sunday. She is recuperating at her daughter's house. You may send her a card at: Mary Schultz, c/o The Denholms, 4554 Hackberry Drive, Columbus, IN 47201

### **LCMS FOUNDATION:**

Faithful stewardship of your estate means keeping up with changes in the world and in your personal life and making sure that your plans are up to date. Laws can change over time. You also may have moved from one state to another since the last time you created a plan. Powers you grant through a Power of Attorney document may be different now than fifteen years ago. Your attorney needs to review your plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can get you ready for that visit by getting you organized and documenting your current situation and wishes. Contact Gift Planning Counselor Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org) for more information.

### **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](mailto:dvheller@htc.net). Call our office 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).

### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:**

Red Bud Care Center: Alice Smith, Jody Winkelmann; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence and Jean Menke; Waterloo Cedarhurst- Elda Seders; Columbia Convalescent- David Burgdorf Randolph County Nursing Home: Donald Kueker

### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:**

Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer/Neva Liefer, Vernon/Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Paul Schrieber, Gloria Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin/Helen Winkelman

### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:**

Robert Burgdorf, Kathryn Chunn, Wil Guebert, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth/Geri Koester, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Edna Moeller, Viola Muench, Harold Thies

### **KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUO Radio AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org), a media ministry 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 Acts 8-10 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), join us for Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m., study 1<sup>st</sup> John 5 through Jude on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and dig into Augsburg Confession Article XVII: Christ's Return for Judgment on Concord Matters (5/21 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

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

Don't abortion and physician-assisted suicide call common—or worse—what God the Lord has made precious (Acts 11:9)? And should the transitory sorrows of surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis blind us to the joy and hope He has invested in every human being (John 16:21)? May our witness to the sanctity of all human lives begin to wipe away the tears from all eyes (Revelation 21:4) with the Gospel of Christ's salvation!

### **GOLF OUTINGS:**

+Wayne Collmeyer Memorial Golf Classic to benefit Camp Wartburg on Monday, May 23 at 1 p.m. at Acorns Golf Links. The cost is \$100 per golfer. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 through \$1000. Contact Theresa at 618/939-7715 (ext. 11) or [theresa\\_thorburg@LCFS.org](mailto:theresa_thorburg@LCFS.org).

+Bob Streuter Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the SID Student Aid Endowment Fund on Saturday, June 11, at 8:30 a.m. at Roland Barkau Golf Course in Okawville. Sponsorships are available for \$50 through \$1000. Let Pastor Nebel know if you would like to be part of a St. John's team

### **ISSUES, ETC.:**

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Why the Public Square Needs Christianity, The Natural Family, The Ascension of Christ, The Hippocratic Oath, The Lord's Supper, Planned Parenthood and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

*Lower Your Blood Pressure Numbers with Food:* Foods high in potassium and magnesium can help lower your blood pressure levels. Tomatoes and tomato products are rich in potassium and lycopene, which has heart health benefits. Consuming tomatoes and tomato products improves blood pressure and may help reduce the risk of heart disease.

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS: from Lutheran Bible Translators**

Daily Bible readings for the year are on the tables in the entryway. May 15- Luke 11:37-54; May 16- Luke 12:1-12; May 17- Luke 12:13-34; May 18- Luke 12:35-53; May 19- Luke 12:54-13:17; May 20- Luke 13:18-35; May 21- Luke 14:1-24.

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

**Track:** The COS Track team will participate in the Nashville meet on Monday, May 16 at 4:00 p.m.

**Join us in congratulating and giving thanks for our graduates.** The 2022 COS Graduation Service will be held May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in our gym.

**Like to help plan events?** Join us as we begin planning for next fall's Dinner Auction, May 16 at 4:00 p.m. If you are not able to make the meeting, call the office (618-853-7300) to volunteer.

**Registration for 2022-2023 is open!** If you have a student or know someone who will be high school age during the 2022-2023 school year, encourage them to consider Christ Our

Savior LHS. 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 to attend can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service.

**School Visitors:** The office is open Monday – Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

**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 and Junior Youth – Stephanie Valleroy

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

Fifth Grade – Darlene Letcher Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

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

Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

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*Serving Us in Worship Today*

Preacher/Liturgist: (Sat.) Pastor Brian Nowak; (Sun.) Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Kalin and Kathy Liefer (10:30 a.m.) Cindy Ebers

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Annika Herriman; (8 a.m.) Sage Pensoneau; (10:30 a.m.) Norah Wagner

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

Flower Servers: Martha Rohlfing and Ruth Rohlfing Paraments: Virginia Moeller