



Second Sunday of Easter
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois April 16, 2023 10:30 a.m.



PRELUDE: "Lasst Uns Erfruen" arranged by Michael Larkin

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING SONG: 605 "Father Welcomes"

Refrain



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.
 Shall be born a - gain.
 Live in the peace of God.

Refrain

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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. 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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 105

Give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;
make known His deeds among the peoples!

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; **tell of all His wondrous works!**

Glory in His holy name; **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

Seek the LORD and His strength; **seek His presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works He has done,
His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.

He remembers His covenant forever,
the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

(please be seated)

SONG OF PRAISE: 466 "Christ Has Arisen"



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - jice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en to this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain: Let us sing praise to Him with end-less joy;

Death's fear-ful sting He has come to des-troy.

Our sin for-giv-ing, al-le-lu-ia! Je-sus is liv-ing, al-le-lu-ia !

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and

God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 5:29-42

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered.

So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

L: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

L: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: He has put all things under His feet.

THE EPISTLE READING:

1st Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable,

undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!

Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Text: Public domain

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side.

Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

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

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

“Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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

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

(please be seated) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:**

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

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.

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

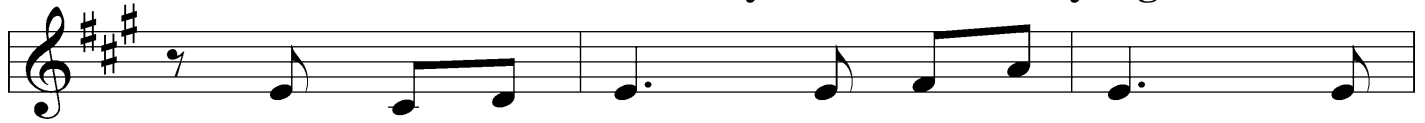
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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

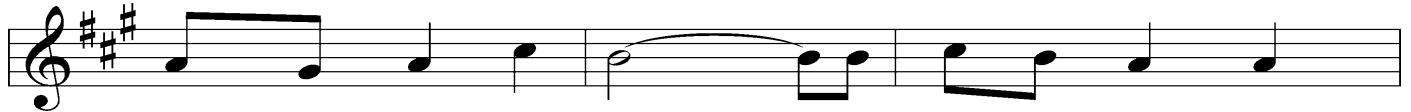
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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SONG OF THE DAY: 720 "We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
 4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when
 found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
 we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
 You are near And seek where You are found.
 and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

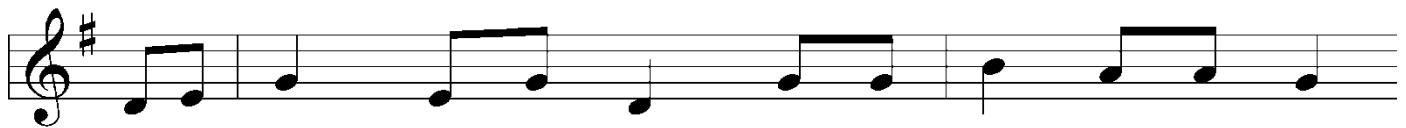
SERMON: "Unless...I Will Never Believe; No Less Than...My Lord and My God"

John 20:24-29

SONG OF RESPONSE: 728 "How Firm a Foundation"



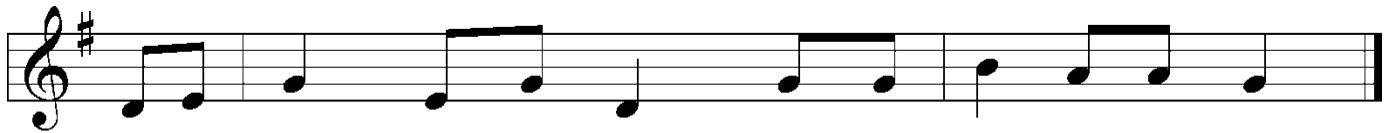
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

- 5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
 My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
 Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.” Public domain

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

(Each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Fern Schnepel, Barb Ladwig, Darlene Lohman, Stanley Langrehr, Loren Harms, Judy Guebert, Ruth Hecht, Rick Horrell, Sherry Winkelmann, Randy Miller, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, Jeff Neff, Zac Carnahan, Ashlynn Crafton, Grayson Herriman, Loxton Sutton; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Ava Kern, Gary Hollmann, Roger Hartmann, Tony Tweedy, Sr., Larry Mehring, Barb Fausz, Kevin Conboy. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Ethan Summers, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, 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, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow, Aaron Runge.

+8th grade day school class members, parents and guests on their class trip

+50th wedding anniversary of Gary and Pam Buatte on April 14

+St. John's 168th anniversary on April 15

OFFERTORY: "We Are An Offering"

We lift our voic-es. We lift our hands.

We lift our lives up to You. We are an of-fer-ing.

Lord, use our voic-es. Lord, use our hands.

Lord, use our lives, they are Yours.

We are an of-fer-ing. We are an of-fer-ing.

CLOSING PRAYER, BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:

P: 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;

C: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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 upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

(please be seated) **CLOSING SONG: "In Christ Alone"**

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

This Cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe.

This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.

For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

**3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

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

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THE POSTLUDE: “To God Be the Glory” *arranged by Edward Broughton*

Musicians: Lindsey and Jonathan Hudak, John Kellerhouse and Brandon Nehrt

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FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the wedding of Zach and Rebecca (Stamm) Howlett which was celebrated here Saturday. Congratulations and God’s blessings to them!

+Flowers on the pedestal are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 50th wedding anniversary of Gary and Pam Buatte on April 14. Thank you and congratulations to them!

+Flowers on the pedestal are given in thanksgiving to God for making Grace Leigh Langrehr His own child in Holy Baptism this Sunday. They are a gift from Grandma & Grandpa Langrehr. Thank you and God’s blessings to her!

+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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 649; Communion: 489; Adult/Youth: 12; Sunday School: 19

Good Friday Worship: AM- 72; PM- 143

And let us consider how to stir one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb. 10:24-25)

This Week With Our Lord, April 16-23, 2023

SUNDAY, April 16- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes and Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

Monday, April 17-

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

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

Tuesday, April 18-

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Bunco Night in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 19- *Weather Bash at Busch Stadium*

8:30 a.m. School Chapel Service at church

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

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

3:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting

3:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Public School Confirmation at school

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Chronicles)

Thursday, April 20- *ROE Spelling Contest*

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

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin

4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in Pastor's office

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

7:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 21-

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

5:00 p.m. 8th grade class returns to Red Bud

Saturday, April 22- *Red Bud Catholic Track Invitational*

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Colby Voss

SUNDAY, April 23- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Amelia Guebert

9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible classes and Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Brooke Wolter

1:00 p.m. Euchre Tournament in the school's old gym

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

1st Peter 1:3-4 – “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” We have an inheritance waiting for us, a treasure that changes our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting. Though they come and go, we can use them for the work of the kingdom that will not fade away.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 4/9- General: \$18,010; School: \$285; Debt: \$1,000; Automatic Giving: \$5,360 (General), \$105 (School). *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2nd Cor 9:7)*

THRIVENT CHOICE DEPOSIT:

Thank you to all those who have designated St. John's Lutheran Church and School for the use of your Thrivent Choice Dollars©! We recently received deposits in the amount of \$3,741.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Grace Leigh Langrehr into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the late service on Sunday. She is the daughter of Ryan and Julie (Krupa) Langrehr. Her baptismal sponsors are Mark Langrehr, Kelsey Koenig and Jason Langrehr. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. with Pastor Nebel leading the topic of "Eternal Election to Salvation".

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

"Encore Easter Message -- Remembering Pastor Klaus" This week on The Lutheran Hour, we thank God for the ministry of the late Rev. Dr. Kenneth Klaus. This Easter message from 2005, recorded on location at the Tomb of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem challenges the world to "show us the body." Christ is Risen, He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah! (Matthew 28:5-6). Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women meet at 9:30 a.m. Their topic is Deb Burma's recent book, "Be Still and Know" (cost is \$21). Wednesday's class on 1st Chronicles meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday's class on Matthew meets at 7:15 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast next meets on Saturday, May 6 to study "Proverbs: God's Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living."

LADIES BUNCO NIGHT:

St. John's Evening Guild is sponsoring and inviting everyone to an evening of bunco in the Fellowship Hall this Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Fellowship, prizes, a devotion and refreshments will be enjoyed by all.

MEN'S CLUB:

St. John's Men's Club gathers this Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. We will view the remaining episodes of "Life Together as Synod" and enjoy some refreshments.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS:

St. John's Primary Sunday School (Nursery-1st Grade) will sing Sunday April 23rd at the 10:30 a.m. service. They will sing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." Children will sit with their parents until pastor announces their song. They will come forward to sing and will return to their seats after the song. "Thank you for allowing your child to be a part of the worship service and share the gospel." *God's blessings – Lynn Langrehr*

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT THIS YEAR:

Our international mission project is Bible Books for Families in Ukraine through Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Only \$5 provides a Ukrainian family with a Bible storybook, Small Catechism, or other Bible resource in their language! To support this project, direct your offering to the attention of the Sunday School.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT:

On Sunday April 23 at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at noon) a Euchre Tournament will be held as a fundraiser for St. John's Class Of 2026 (current 5th grade class). There will be seven games of Euchre, 12 hands per round (3 rounds = 1 game) with partners randomly rotated each round.

Team points follow players for all rounds. There will be food from noon—3 p.m. with To-Go orders open to public consisting of pulled pork sandwiches, pulled pork nachos, slaw, baked beans, soda. Prizes will be awarded for the top three places. Registration is \$15 per person (pay at door, cash only). Location: St. John's Lutheran School Old Gym. Make reservations with Chrystal Kiefer at 618-201-7683 (call or text).

FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

A Family Fun Night for children ages Pre-School to Kindergarten (3-6) is Tues., April 25 from 6-8 p.m. at our school. The focus will be on the books of Eric Carle, author of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Schmitz are planning many fun activities as well as snacks, guest readers and making pancakes. They are looking for adults to help with registration, snacks and small group activities. Please call our school office (3873) if you can volunteer.

ADULT INSTRUCTION:

Those who are interested in learning the doctrines of the Christian faith as taught in the Lutheran Church are welcome to contact Pastor Nebel to take part in an information class leading to the Rite of Confirmation and communicant membership at St. John's for those who so desire. This class will meet once a week for 12 weeks based on the schedule of class members.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

4/16- Terri Dilley, Cali Hoffman, Jase Matzenbacher; 4/17- Roy Wirth, Carol Turner, Christine Deien, Claire Diewald, Cassidy Palm; 4/18- Neva Liefer, Margaret Hanebutt, Griffin Ziebold; 4/19- Danette Kaesburg, Erin Krick, Breanna Bingel, Isaac Moll, Ava Moll; 4/20- Karen Wetzell, Chloe Cowell, Josef Biffar, Lucas Sommers; 4/21- Mike Kuhn, Donna Burgdorf, Adam Muench, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr; 4/22- Pearl Luttmann, Matthew Becker. *Please call our office with corrections!*

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 dvheller@htc.net or 618/521-7417. 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 CONFINED IN-HOME:

Wil Guebert, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Rick Horrell, Kenneth/Geri Koester, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Edna Moeller, Viola Muench, Harold Thies, John/Eunice Wiatr.

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, Jean Menke; Bria-Columbia: David Burgdorf; Randolph County Nursing Home: Don Kueker

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Kathryn Chunn, Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer/Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Paul Schrieber, Arlin/Helen Winkelmann, Carl/Flo Zschiegner

11TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT!:

Spend the morning with Katie Luther at Immanuel's Women's Mini-Retreat on Saturday, April 22 from 9-11 a.m. The morning will begin with a delicious breakfast and fellowship in the multipurpose room. Then in the sanctuary we will hear from Katie Luther (aka Barbara Kaye) and join in prayer and praise.

Call [618-939-6480](tel:618-939-6480) or immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com with questions or to pre-register (walk-ins are welcome, too!). There is no fee to attend but free will donations are welcome. We will accept donations of non-perishable food items, paper products, and art/craft supplies for the Bi-County Backpack Program in Monroe County and Camp Wartburg.

LUTHERAN OLDER ADULT RETREAT:

The Lord is My Rock, My Fortress, and My Deliverer will be held at Pere Marquette Lodge outside of Grafton on April 26-27. Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty will be the keynote speaker. The cost is \$115 plus lodging. Contact Margo Wolf at dmwvette74@gmail.com or 618/979-3376. A registration form is on the bulletin board by the ramp door at church.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES EVENT:

Join Lutheran Hour Ministries for a free workshop exploring spiritual conversations, offering insights to help us become more eager to engage with others. Presenter is Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies, Regional Director, North America LHM. Event is held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 304 South Street, Collinsville, on Saturday, April 29th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Register at LHM.org/Collinsville by 3 p.m. Thursday, April 27th.

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

Opposition cannot stifle our Gospel-motivated voices for life. With the first Christians, we must obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29). He commands every human life into its existence. We work to preserve them all until He permits them to pass away (Psalm 148:5-6). If this means discomfort or suffering, we will rejoice at the privilege of suffering together with Jesus Christ (Acts 5:41).

MARCH ON THE ARCH:

Coalition Life invites you to join them for the March on the Arch on Saturday, April 29. The rally begins at 11 a.m. followed by the March at noon. It will begin at Aloe Plaza, which is located directly in front of Union Station, and finish at the Arch Grounds. To register go to STLmarch.com.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: Thursday, May 4th, 7-8:30 a.m.

In observance of the National Day of Prayer, Red Bud Regional Hospital is hosting a community prayer breakfast in cooperation with the Rotary Club and Lions Club of Red Bud. Retired baseball All-Star and former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Andy Benes will be the featured speaker. A \$10 suggested donation is requested, with all proceeds benefiting Comwell. Seating is limited and reservations are required. RSVP to Rotary President Matt Wagner at 618-973-5627 or matthew.wagner.79@gmail.com by April 28.

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: Putting Children at

the Center of Family Policy; Responding to Unanswered Bible Questions; The Doctrine of the Trinity & the Bible; Lies about Human Nature; The Sacrifice of the Mass and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM or listen at issuesetc.org.

KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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

COS Track: *COS* athletes will participate in the Murphysboro Track Meet on Thursday, April 20 at 4:00 p.m.

COS Prom and Post Prom: Students are looking forward to our Prom and Post Prom on Saturday, April 22. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this event memorable for our students.

Registration for 2023-2024 is open! If you have a student or know someone who is high school age, encourage them to consider COSLHS. Call 618-853-7300 to schedule a tour. Download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org.

School Hours: The office is open on school days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Aides: Nola Jean Vallett, Shawn DeRousse, and Elizabeth Schaefer

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade and Junior Youth – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens
 Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel
 Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan
 Eighth Grade Homeroom: Bill Becker Athletic Director – Scott Voss
 School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm
 Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Megan Diercks, Amy Williams, Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Madison Shields, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Johnston, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Kailyn Moeller, Madison Falkenhain, Katherine Kelley, Alyssa Rollins, Stephanie Surman, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston

Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

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

(*Sunday*) Lector: Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff

Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Jack Kennedy; (*8 a.m.*) Wiley Minemann; (*10:30 a.m.*) Ella Cowell
 Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Ron and Diane Kunkelmann; (*8 a.m.*) Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn;
 (*10:30 a.m.*) Ken and Karen Wetzel

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Anna and Amelia Guebert Paraments: Irma Birkner