



*Third Sunday of Easter*  
**St. John's Lutheran Church-Red Bud, Illinois**  
**April 22-23, 2023**



PRELUDE: "Erhalt Uns, Herr" *setting by Anna Laura Page*

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

**OPENING HYMN: 908 "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"**

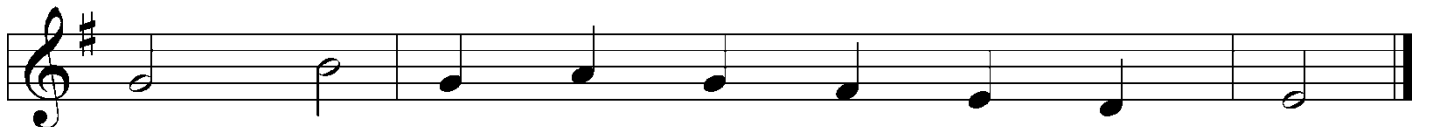
*(please stand for last stanza, sing "A-men.")*



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your  
 2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -  
 heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
 Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.  
 bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
 be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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*Divine Service Three, page 184ff.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 184**

**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.**

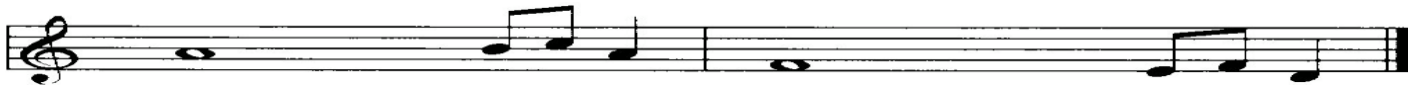
*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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 133**



Behold, how good and pleas-   ant it is	when brothers dwell in   u-ni-ty!
It is like the precious oil / on the head,	running down / on the beard,
on the beard of   Aa-ron,	running down on the collar   of his robes!
It is like the dew of / Her-mon	which falls on the mountains of   Zi-on!
For there the LORD has / com- mand-ed	the blessing, life for-   ev-er-more.
Glory be to the Father and   to the Son	and to the Holy   Spir-it;
as it was in the be-   gin-ning,	is now, and will be forever.   A-men.

**KYRIE:** page 186

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:** pages 187-189

**P:** Glory be to God on high:      **C:** and on earth peace, good-will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.

**For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

P: The Lord be with you.      C: (*sung*) **And with thy spir-it.**      P: Let us pray.  
C: **O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world.  
Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death,  
perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

*(10:30 a.m.) ANTHEM: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"*

*Nursery-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Sunday School*

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36–41**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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: 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:17–25**

And if you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you

were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if you are able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 190 *(sung)*

**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Luke 24:13-35**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** *(sung)* **Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.**

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, “Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And He said to them, “What things?”

And they said to Him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see.” And He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these

things and enter into His glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if He were going farther, but they urged Him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So He went in to stay with them. When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.

And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.   **C: (*sung*) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed** (*inside back cover of the hymnal*)  
(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **Apostles’ Creed** (*page 192*)

**C 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.) **Nicene Creed** (*page 191*)

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. *(please be seated)*

*(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.)* CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: *(tune: Common Doxology)*

Grant my re-quest, O dear-est Friend, For tru-ly I the best in-tend;  
For me to death Your life You give; As wel-come Guest with-in me live.  
En-light-en me that from the way That leads to heav'n I may not stray,  
That I may nev-er be mis-led But live my life for You in-stead.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 476 "Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow"



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'  
2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us  
3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing



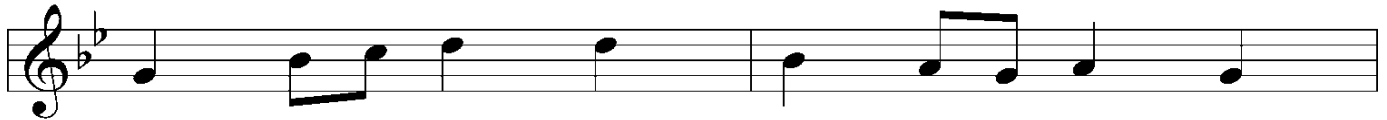
bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,  
stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om  
of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,  
Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!  
Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;  
When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,  
on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,  
Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures  
Make each day a new Em - ma - us;

Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.  
Till our hearts with - in us burned.  
On our hearts Your im - age trace!

4 Who are we who travel with You On our way through life to death?  
Women, men, the young, the aging, Wakened by the Spirit's breath!  
At the font You claim and name us, Born of water and the Word;  
At the table still You feed us, Host us as our risen Lord!

5 "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Is the Easter hymn we sing!  
Take our life, our joy, our worship As the gift of love we bring.  
You have formed us all one people Called from ev'ry land and race.  
Make the Church Your servant body, Sent to share Your healing grace!

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**SERMON:** "It Is a Nice Day for a Walk" Luke 24:13-35

**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:** Barb Ladwig, Darlene Lohman, Loren Harms, Ruth Hecht, Gerald Hanebutt, Rick Horrell, Tim Deien, Sherry Winkelmann, Randy Miller, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, Jeff Neff, Zac Carnahan, Ashlynn Crafton, Ashton Liefer, Loxton Sutton; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Ava Kern, Gary Hollmann, Roger Hartmann, Tony Tweedy, Sr., Larry Mehning, Barb Fausz, Kevin Conboy, Deloris Stirnamann. *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.

+the family of Fern Schnepel who died in the Lord on Monday

+the 55th wedding anniversary of Elroy and Carolyn Stellhorn on April 20

+birth of a son to Allen and Kayce (Matzenbacher) Schaefer on April 14

**OFFERTORY:** pages 192-193

**Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.**

**Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me.**

**Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it.**

**A-men.**

The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services continue here:

**THE LORD'S PRAYER, CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:**

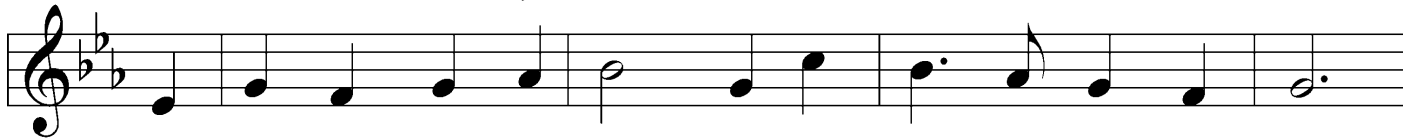
P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray, **Our Father who art in heaven**

P: Blessed Lord, 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. **Amen.**

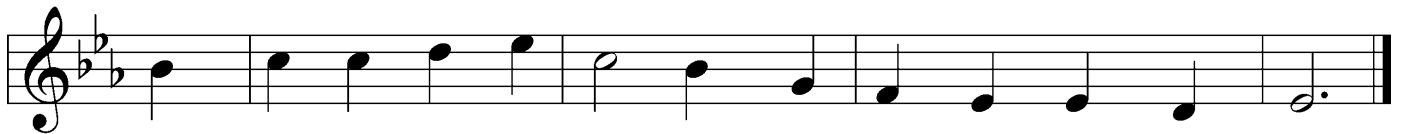
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

**C: (sung) A-men, a-men, a-men.**

**CLOSING HYMN: 919 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"**



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace  
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,  
 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
 And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
 Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
 Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.



5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above. Public domain

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 194ff.

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: (*sung*)

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry.**

**Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.**

**Bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.**

**Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Pastor prays the prayer; congregation sings the Doxology*)

...For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glor-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. **A-men.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND THE PAX DOMINI**

P: ...The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: (*sung*) **A-men.**

**AGNUS DEI** (*sung*)

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est away the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A-men. (*please be seated*)**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: 468 "I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives"**



1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus ev - er lives, In whom my  
 2 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber  
 3 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant  
 4 I am con-tent! At length I shall be free, A - wak - ened



heart is pleased. He has ful-filled the Law of God for me,  
 I shall be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died  
 sun of grace. His cheer-ing rays beam bless-ings forth for all,  
 from the dead, A - ris - ing glo - rious ev - er - more to be



God's wrath He has ap-peased. Since He in death  
 With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is brought  
 Sweet com-fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter sun  
 With You, my liv - ing head. The chains that hold



could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall  
 in - to sub - jec - tion For me by Je -  
 has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last -  
 my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul



not die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!  
 sus' res - ur - rec-tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!  
 ing ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!  
 re - joice for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!

### 585 "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

**Lord, Je-sus Christ, with us a-bide, For round us falls the e-ven-tide.**

**O Let Your Word, that sav-ing light, Shine forth un-dimmed in-to the night.**

**In these last days of great dis-tress Grant us, dear Lord, true stead-fast-ness**

**That we keep pure till life is spent Your ho-ly Word and Sac-ra-ment.**

**To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of fire and make us bold**

**To shine Your Word of sav-ing grace In-to each dark and loveless place.**

May glo-rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword of Your might-y Word,  
Spurn Sa-tan that Your Church be strong, Bold, u-ni-fied in act and song.

Re-strain, O Lord, the hu-man pride That seeks to thrust Your truth a-side  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things Would dim the words Your Spir-it sings.

Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true; Pre-serve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word a-long our heart's de-fense, The Church's glo-rious con-fi-dence.

### 821 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on -  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.

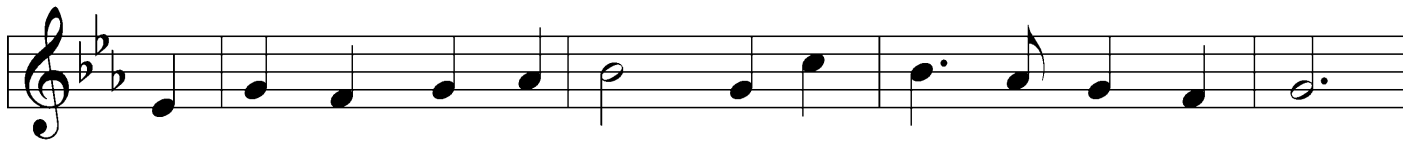


Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in

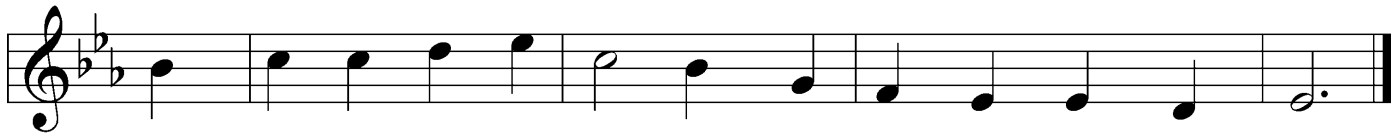


like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both





- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace  
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,  
 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
 And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
 Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
 Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

- 5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,  
 Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.  
 6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;  
 Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above. Public domain

**THE POSTLUDE: "Christus, Der ist Mein Leben"** *setting by Jeffrey Blersch*

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**HOLY BAPTISM:**

We welcome Hadalee Renee Crafton into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism following the Saturday service. She is the daughter of Craig Crafton and Megan Kruger. Her baptismal sponsors are Rachel Rieke and Nathan Keller. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:**

+Pedestal flowers this weekend are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 55th wedding anniversary of Elroy and Carolyn Stellhorn on April 20th. Thank you, God's blessings and congratulations!

+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.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "The Man Who Will Be King"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler says that anticipation, preparation, and action are the traits that make great leaders--and great followers of Christ, the King of kings (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:13). 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.

*This Week With Our Lord, April 23-30, 2023*SUNDAY, April 23- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

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

Monday, April 24-

3:15 p.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

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

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

Tuesday, April 25-

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

1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place

6:00 p.m. PS and PK Family Fun Night in the school

Wednesday, April 26-

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

7:00 p.m. Voters Assembly meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 27-

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

8:30 a.m. LifeLine Screening in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Randolph County Track Meet at Red Bud HS

9:00 a.m. Lower Kaskaskia LWML Spring Renewal Steeleville

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

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

Friday, April 28- *Ag Day at school*

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

Saturday, April 29-

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

SUNDAY, April 30-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Charlie Muench

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Tessa Stenzel

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 265; Communion: 120; Adult/Youth: 31; Sunday School: NR

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 4/16- General: \$8,321; School: \$395. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 9:7)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:18-19 – “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

THRIVENT CHOICE DEPOSIT:

Thank you for designating St. John’s Lutheran Church/School for the use of your Thrivent Choice Dollars©! We have received deposits in the amount of \$3,741.

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”.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.”

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS:

St. John’s Primary Sunday School (Nursery-1<sup>st</sup> Grade) will sing Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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*

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John’s member Fern Schnepel who died in the Lord on Monday at the age of 96 years. She received her Christian burial here on Saturday. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT:

This Sunday, April 23, at 1 p.m. (doors open at noon) a Euchre Tournament will be held as a fundraiser for St. John’s Class Of 2026 (current 5<sup>th</sup> 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!:

4/23- Sydney Schweizer, Lindsey Fruth, Allyson Fruth, Kellen Herriman; 4/24- Jill Hanebutt, Randy Grohmann, Chris Liefer, Tyler Henry, Shawn Nichols, Alex Sievers, Ashton Liefer, Braylon Brooks; 4/25- Ann Becker; 4/26- Connie Muench, Karen Liefer, Bailey Booker, Claire Grohmann, Ella Herriman; 4/27- Peggy Sitzes, Tiffany Wiegard, Aiden Kiefer; 4/28- Jamie Foster, Ashlynn Crafton, Layla Meyer, Emma Schlueter; 4/29- Pat Malik, Paul Schrieber, Ciara Hogendobler, Liam Quintin, Loxton Sutton. *Call our office with corrections!*

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health- Choose Treats Wisely*: Reese's Peanut Butter Cup provides a combination of protein and a little fiber. Each cup contains 110 calories, 11 grams of sugar, and 2.5 grams of protein.

#### 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](mailto: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, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttman, 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: Kenny and Geri Koester  
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 Winkelman, Carl/Flo Zschiegner

#### 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](mailto: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. This event will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 304 South Street, Collinsville, on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Register at [LHM.org/Collinsville](http://LHM.org/Collinsville) by 3 p.m. Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

The resurrected and compassionate Jesus made Himself present in His loved ones' sadnesses (Luke 24:16-17). Our Lord is not absent but all the more active in difficulties like surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis. He redeems us and our sufferings to usher us into His exceeding glory (Luke 24:26). Not only do His words and ways deliver souls from death, but He also undertakes to relieve all tears from their eyes (Psalm 116:8).

**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](mailto:matthew.wagner.79@gmail.com) by April 28.

**LCMS FOUNDATION:**

Can a gift from a future estate plan be converted into a gift for ministry today? Twenty years ago, you planned a gift. Back then, you had a need for the security of that backup money. Today you no longer have that need. Also today, your favorite ministry has a definite need as it reaches out with Jesus. You want to give some of it now. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you evaluate whether there is a simple way to do that. Contact Scott Radden at [scott.radden@LFND.org](mailto:scott.radden@LFND.org) or call 618-977-4049.

**SHARE IN THE MIRACLE DINNER:** *Unity Lutheran Elementary School*

On Thursday, May 4, from 6-9 p.m. the "Share in the Miracle Dinner" for Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School in East St. Louis will be held at the Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon. Admission is free but donations will be accepted. Lt. Colonel Allen West will be the keynote speaker. RSVP required by calling 618/874-6605 or email [dtrice@unityesl.org](mailto:dtrice@unityesl.org).

**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](http://STLmarch.com).

**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. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE,

850 AM or listen at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org). The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is leading a study this week in Luke 22 on The Institution of the Lord's Supper, Who Is the Greatest?, Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial, Scripture Must Be Fulfilled in Jesus, Jesus Prays in the Mount of Olives and The Betrayal & Arrest of Jesus. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

*COS* Track: *COS* athletes will participate in the Pinckneyville Boys Meet on April 24 at 3 p.m., and the Bi-County Meet at Waterloo on April 25 at 4 p.m.

Positions Available: *COS* is looking for an administrator and teachers who have interest in math, science, English, social studies, theology, P.E. music, and/or foreign language. We currently have flexibility in the exact areas of instruction. Full and part-time positions are available. All staff must uphold the doctrine and practice of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in teaching and in life. If you are interested, please email your resume to [office@coslhs.org](mailto:office@coslhs.org). If you have questions call 618-853-7300.

Registration for 2023-2024 is open! If you have or know a high school age student, encourage them to consider COSLHS. Call 618-853-7300 to schedule a tour. Download a registration form from our website, [www.coslhs.org](http://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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Principal – Mr. Justin Palm 618/214-1103

Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 618/340-6055

Director of Christian Education/School Librarian–Mr. Bill Becker 618/282-2958

Secretaries – Mrs. Leslie Froemling and Mrs. Sara Shepherd

Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804  
Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 618/853-7300

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 (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: 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

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse  
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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald  
Lector: (8 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker; (10:30 a.m.) Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff  
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Colby Voss; (8 a.m.) Amelia Guebert; (10:30 a.m.) Brooke Wolter  
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Roger and Peggy Hanebutt;  
(10:30 a.m.) Ron and Donna Burgdorf  
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr  
Flower Servers: Anna and Amelia Guebert Paraments: Irma Birkner