



Fourth Sunday of Easter
St. John's Lutheran Church- Red Bud, Illinois
April 29-30, 2023



PRELUDE: *(Sat.)* "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead" *Bell Choir*
(Sunday) "Shepherd of Tender Youth" *arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche*
THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 735 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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Divine Service Three, page 184ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 184 *(please stand if you are able)*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. 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.

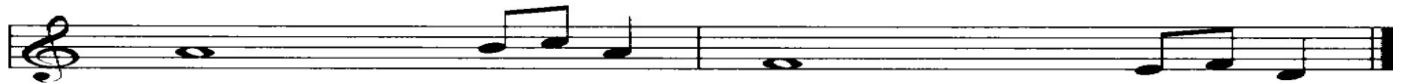
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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 95 and John 10 (antiphon)



I am the good shepherd. I / know My own

and My own know Me, and I lay down My life | for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | va-tion.

Let us come into His presence with thanks- | giv-ing;

let us make a joyful noise to Him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a | great God,

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Ma-ker!

For He | is our God,

and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep | of His hand.

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: **Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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)*

ANTHEM: *(5 p.m.)* “Christ, Be My Leader” *Bell Choir*
(10:30 a.m.) “The Lord’s My Shepherd” (arranged by Brett Heim) *Choir*

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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 2:19-25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer 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:** page 190 *(sung)*

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

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

Jesus said: “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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)*

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Oh Lord, How Can I Tell You”

(tune: “The Church’s One Foundation”)

**Oh Lord, how can I tell You Just what You mean to me?
In ev-‘ry vale I go through, Your shep-herd’s love I see.
When I am lost and help-less, And liv-ing in de-spair,
You came and gen-ly lift me With arms of ten-der care.**

**You take me to fresh pas-tures, Where I can lay my head;
You lead me by still wa-ters, And there my soul is fed.
There is no sur-er com-fort Than Your pro-tec-tive rod;**

No great-er joy ex-ists than The pres-ence of my God! *Words by Patricia S. Baker
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SERMON: *(Saturday)* “The Lord Is Our Shepherd” Psalm 23

(Sunday) “Are You a Good Shepherd?” John 10:1-10

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: Lorine Reinhardt, Barb Ladwig, Darlene Lohman, Loren Harms, Ruth Hecht, Gerald Hanebutt, Rick Horrell, Tim Deien, Sherry Winkelmann, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan, Ashlynn Crafton, Loxton Sutton; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Ava Kern, Gary Hollmann, Roger Hartmann, Tony Tweedy, Sr., 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.

+those who mourn: the family of Barry Korves, husband of St. John's member Barb Korves

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.**

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)

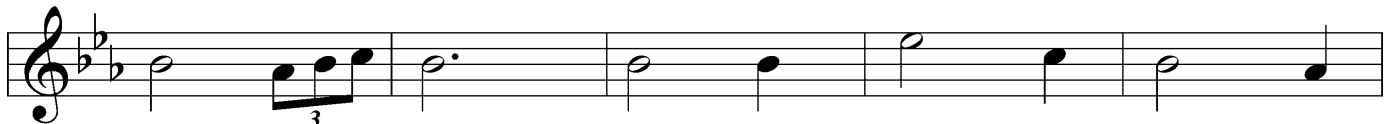
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

Anthem: (*5 p.m.*) "This Day of Gladness" *Bell Choir*

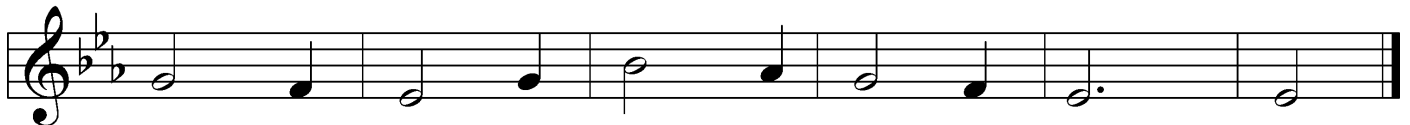
(*10:30 a.m.*) "What Is This Bread?" *Choir*

709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

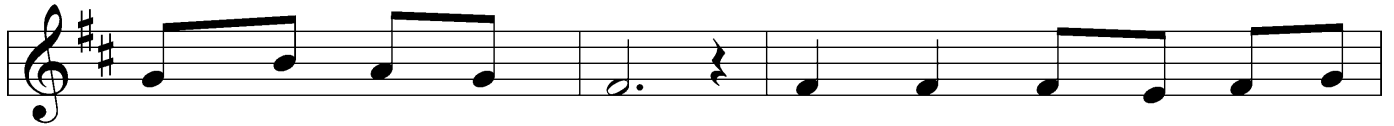
6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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711 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



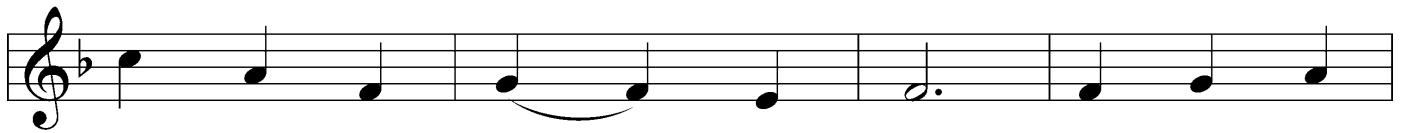
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



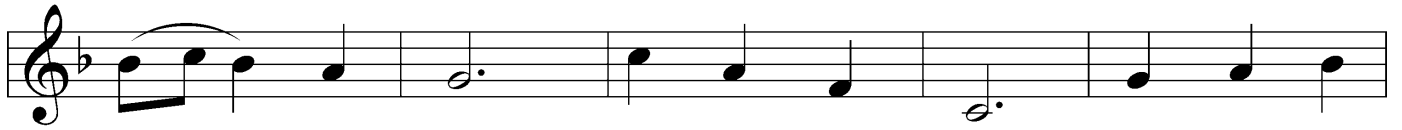
bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
 2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
 3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
 4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
 du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
 pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.

5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your praises high
 And joyful sing: Infants and all the throng, Who to the Church
 belong, Unite to swell the song To Christ, our king! Public domain

NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” pages 199-200 (*please stand if you are able*)
**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for
 mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared before the face of
 all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is-ra-el.
 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, as it was in the
 beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.**

THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C (*sung*) **and His mercy endureth for-ev-er.**

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C (*sung*) **Amen.**

SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P The Lord be with you. C (*sung*) **And with thy spir-it.**

P Bless we the Lord. C (*sung*) **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

(*please be seated*) **CLOSING HYMN: 740 “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”**



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

THE POSTLUDE: “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”*arranged by J. Wayne Kerr*

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This Week With Our Lord, April 30-May 7, 2023**SUNDAY, April 30-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, May 1-

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the church balcony

Tuesday, May 2-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Southern Illinois District Pastors’ Conference in FH
 6:00 p.m. Class of 2024 (7th grade) meeting in the school library

Wednesday, May 3-

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel at church led by 5th grade
 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. Make-up class for 8th Grade Public School Conf.
 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Chronicles)

Thursday, May 4-

7-8:30 a.m. National Day of Prayer Breakfast at RB Hospital

Friday, May 5-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel service at church

Saturday, May 6-

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Olivia Valleroy

SUNDAY, May 7-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Eve Schwartzkopf
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Maya Macbeth
 Noon Senior Youth gather in their church basement hangout
 Noon Cindy Steele Retirement Dinner (by invitation)
 1-3 p.m. Cindy Steele Retirement Open House (old gym)

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 293; Communion: 89; Adult/Youth: 36; Sunday School: 35

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. 4/23- General: \$11,934.20; School: \$450. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2nd Corinthians 9:7)*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

1st Peter 2:21 – “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.” Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”

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.

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 will not meet this week due to the National Day of Prayer Breakfast. Men’s Bible Breakfast next meets on Saturday, May 6 to study “Proverbs: God’s Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living.”

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING:

Screening for Kindergarten students for 2023-24 school year will be on May 24-25. Please call our school office to schedule an appointment for your child on those dates. Thank you!

CALLING ALL GRADUATES:

Please contact our church office (282-2394) with the names of St. John’s members who have graduated or are graduating from any level of education this school year. We will highlight them in our own graduation service folder, in a weekend worship folder and in our June *Epistle*.

CASEY’S REWARDS:

Cash for Classrooms- When you shop at Casey’s using its rewards program you can donate your points to our St. John’s school. Thank you for this!

CINDY STEELE RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS:

On Sunday, May 7, St. John’s will observe the upcoming retirement of our Pre-School teacher Cindy Steele after 30 years of teaching at St. John’s. There will be an invitation-only dinner from noon to 1 p.m. in the school’s old gym followed by an Open House with cake and cookies from 1-3 p.m. All school children are invited to sing at 1:15 p.m. A stained-glass window has been put up in the main lobby of the school in honor of her great service to St. John’s.

CLASS NOTES: from DCE Bill Becker

+The 8th Grade class of 2023 thanks all who supported our fundraisers these past few years! Without your support our recent class trip east would not have been as successful! A special thanks to the many dedicated parents who organized these fundraisers and made things happen!

+The current 7th grade (class of 2024) will meet Tuesday, May 2 at 6 p.m. in the school's library to decide dates for their upcoming trip.

+The 5th grade class thanks all those who made our recent Euchre tournament, [SLAM](#) catered lunch concessions, and Ted Drewes sales so successful this past Sunday.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 12-16, 9-11 a.m.

"God's Living Water" is for those who finished 3-year-old preschool through 5th grade. No fee is required but donations are welcome. Questions can be directed to: Bill Becker (618-282-2958 cell #). Please signup using this link: <https://vbsmate.com/StJohnsRedBudIL>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

4/30- Alpha Koester, Floyd Wolter, Timothy Guebert, Laurie Renner, Liza Wagner; 5/1- Ron Moeller, Lori Rees, Kyle Herriman, Byron Falkenhain, Kendall Liefer; 5/2- Sarah Roy, Mason Wiegard; 5/3- Roger Hanebutt, Marilyn Kuhn, Sherry Winkelman, Christopher Stenzel; 5/4- Richard Burgdorf Sr.; Jim Walker Sr., Nancy Fuhrhop-Vogt, Michael Schrader, Cody Strong; 4/5- Katherine Stellhorn, Angela Hewitt, Natalie Guebert, Becky Wright, Emily Grohmann, Emmett Schoenbeck; 5/6- Carol Matzenbacher, Angie Schoenbeck, Cole Booker. *Call our office with corrections!*

THANK YOU:

"St. John's Lutheran: Thank you for participating in the Baby Bottle Project. Forty-three of 50 St. John's bottles have been returned with \$1138.19 collected. We appreciate every dollar you donated. It all makes a difference in our clients' lives. We really appreciate your support!"

The Board of Directors and staff of Life Network

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS Better Health- Food for Thought:

Asparagus provides a host of health benefits. Eating asparagus regularly aids in weight loss. A half cup contains 20 calories, but this high fiber food takes time to digest so you feel full for a longer period of time between meals.

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, 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: Kenny/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

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

The earliest Church found great delight in not giving themselves over to radical autonomy. Instead they invested in fellowship and community that accompany each other rather than abandoning in time of need (Acts 2:44). May we likewise proclaim and put into practice our Lord's promise that the abundant life is the one that is shared especially in adversity (John 10:10).

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Can a gift from a future estate plan be converted into a gift for ministry today? At post-college time for your children, pre-retirement time for you, you did some estate planning and included a gift for ministry. Now years later, because God has blessed your finances, you realize that you have freedom to give some of that gift today, when you get to see it in action, celebrating God's grace. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you plan this. Contact Scott Radden at 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.

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 today!

ISSUES, ETC.:

Lutheran Talk And Music Mobile App... You can listen to Lutheran talk and music 24/7, anytime, anywhere with the free Lutheran Public Radio app. You can download for your cell phone at the App Store, Google Play or at issuesetc.org.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM 850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO, study the end of 1st John through 3rd John on Sharper Iron's "The Love of God" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study 1st Samuel 3-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and study the Preface to the Book of Concord on Concord Matters (5/6 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand on kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

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

End of the School Year Activities: Students enjoyed Prom and Post Prom last weekend. Track season has wrapped up. Trap has a shoot at Rend Lake on May 6. Graduation will be May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in our gym.

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. 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.

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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Secretaries – Mrs. Leslie Froemling and Mrs. Sara Shepherd

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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

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

Preacher/Liturgist: (*Sat.*) Pastor Mark Nebel (*Sun.*) Pastor Brian Nowak
 Organist/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 Lector: (*Sunday*) Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff
 Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Colt Hess; (*8 a.m.*) Charlie Muench; (*10:30 a.m.*) Tessa Stenzel
 Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (*8 a.m.*) Kalin and Kathy Liefer;
 (*10:30 a.m.*) Jim and Judy Guebert
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Anna and Amelia Guebert Paraments: Irma Birkner