



Sixth Sunday of Easter
St. John's Lutheran Church- Red Bud, Illinois
May 13-14, 2023



PRELUDE: "God of Grace and God of Glory" arranged by Wilbur Held
THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 905 "Come, Thou Almighty King" (stand for last stanza, "A-men")



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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(5 p.m.) Holy Baptism, page 268ff. Recorder Solo: "Ode to Joy" Cooper Wingerter

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,

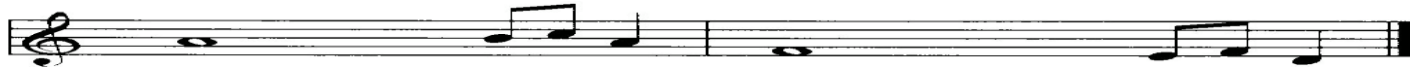
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Silence for reflection on God's Word.*

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 119



Your word is a lamp | to my feet **and a light | to my path.**
Forever, O | LORD, Your word **is firmly fixed | in the heavens.**
Your faithfulness endures to all gener- | a-tions;
You establish the earth, and it | stands fast.
By Your appointment they | stand this day, **for all things are Your | ser-vants.**
If Your law had not been | my de-light, I would have perished in my af- | flic-tion.
I will never forget Your | pre-cepts, **for by them You have giv- | en me life.**
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:

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

ANTHEM: (*8 a.m.*) “Father of Heaven, Whose Love” (arr. by Healey Willan) *Choir*
(*10:30 a.m.*) “Who Was the Man?” *School Grades 3-8*

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 17:16-31

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by

man, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, for ‘In Him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed His offspring.’ Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.”

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 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has

gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

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 14:15-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

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

Jesus said: “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **Apostles’ Creed** *(page 192)*

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)*

(please be seated) (5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: LSB 861**
Christ be my Lead-er by night as by day: Safe through the dark-ness, for He is the way.
Glad-ly I fol-low, my fu-ture His care, Dark-ness is day-light when Je-sus is there.
Christ be my Sav-ior in calm as in strife; Death can-not hold me, for He is the life.
Nor dark-ness nor doubt-ing nor sin and its stain Can touch my sal-va-tion:
with Je-sus I reign.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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SERMON: “The Acts of Easter: Repentance” Acts 17:22-31

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, Carol Stoll, Ruth Hecht, David Guebert, Gerald Hanebutt, Rick Horrell, Sherry Winkelmann, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, Paul Mollet, Zac Carnahan, Ashlynn Crafton, Loxton Sutton; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Ava Kern, Gary Hollmann, Roger Hartmann, Tony Tweedy, Sr., Kevin Conboy, Deloris Stirnamann, Kathy Wolter, Gary Hayes, Linda Kaaz. *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 65th wedding anniversary of Carl and Flo Zschiegner on May 11

+the family of Gerald Holmstrom who died in the Lord Friday morning

+thanksgiving for our mothers, especially those who raised us in the faith
 +favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields this week

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. & 8 a.m. services continue with (the Lord's Prayer) a Closing Prayer, and
 Benediction.*

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

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: "A Christian Wife and Mother"

(tune: "The Church's One Foundation")

1. **A Chris-tian wife and moth-er, God's gift from heav'n a-bove
 To mem-bers of her fam-'ly a source of con-stant love,
 A help-mate to her hus-band in good and e-vil days,
 A bless-ing to her chil-dren in e'er so man-y ways.**

2. **She looks with love and fa-vor up-on her chil-dren fair,
 As pre-cious gifts from heav-en God gave in-to her care.
 With Chris-tian ad-mo-ni-tion and nur-ture in the Lord
 She trains them well and wise-ly with Scrip-ture's full ac-cord.**

3. **Thank God for Chris-tian moth-ers, re-mem-ber them today,
 And call up-on your Sav-ior to bless their earth-ly stay.
 They are a na-tion's for-tress, a strong-hold in the home,
 We hon-or and sa-lute them now and in life to come.**

(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:

467 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"



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



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



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



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

- 5 The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;
 Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.
 My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.
 Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.
- 6 Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;
 My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through.
 He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
 He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.
- 7 He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,
 Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:
 "Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified." Public domain

645 "Built on the Rock"



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how



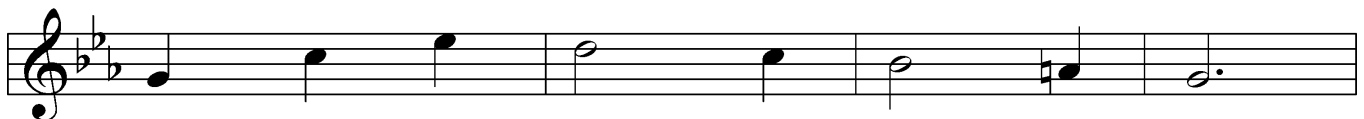
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

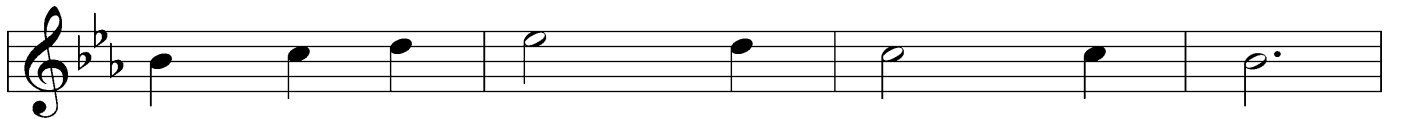
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
 Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:

“I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

844 “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”



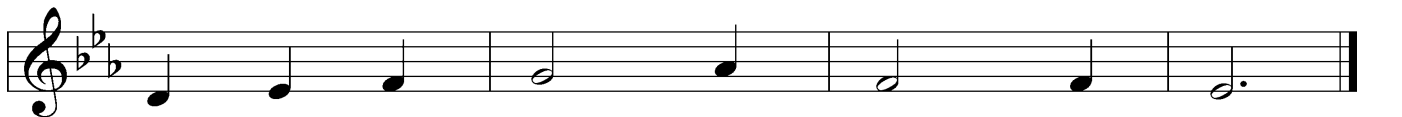
1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred
4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;
Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.
By love - less act and thought - less word.
When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.



And in each per - son may I see
My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;
Make me to see the wrong I do
Should I my - self the vic - tim be,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.
Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.
Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.

5 With Thine own love may I be filled And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, where'er I be, May be divinely touched by Thee.

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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.**

(8 a.m.) **CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “O Holy Spirit, Enlighten Me” (arranged by Carl Wacker) *Choir*

CLOSING HYMN: “A Christian Wife and Mother”

(tune: “The Church’s One Foundation”)

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To mem-bers of her fam-’ly a source of con-stant love,
A help-mate to her hus-band in good and e-vil days,
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2. **She looks with love and fa-vor up-on her chil-dren fair,
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They are a na-tion’s for-tress, a strong-hold in the home,
We hon-or and sa-lute them now and in life to come.**

THE POSTLUDE: “God Is Our Refuge and Strength” *arr. by Robert J. Powell*

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This Week With Our Lord, May 14-21, 2023

SUNDAY, May 14- Happy Mother's Day!

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

Monday, May 15-

8:15 a.m. 8th Grade Confirmation Trip to Concordia Seminary

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

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

Tuesday, May 16- 8th grade field trip to Perry County, MO

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Dutch Treat at Lisa's in Rocher

Wednesday, May 17-

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

6:30 p.m. School Sports Awards Ceremony in the old gym

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

Thursday, May 18-

8:30 a.m. Ascension Day Holy Communion service at church

7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony in the old gym

Friday, May 19- 6th & 7th Grades to Randolph County Lake

Saturday, May 20- Lutheran State Track Meet

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Hollis Wolfmeier

SUNDAY, May 21-

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative); Acolyte- Sage Pensoneau

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 373; Communion: 162; Adult/Youth: 39; Sunday School: 30

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)

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."

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 5/7- General: \$26,095.67; School: \$165; Thrivent Choice: \$78. *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

John 14:15 (Jesus said) “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But from where does that love come? Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins, which causes love to well up in us and thereby keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is “love.”

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Lynleigh Blake Wingerter into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the Saturday service. She is the daughter of Lauriel Wingerter. Her baptismal sponsors are Brad Ehlers and Allie Haupt. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+Pedestal flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for His blessings to Carl and Flo Zschiegner over their 65 years of marriage. They are given by their children and grandchildren. Thank you! God’s blessings!

+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: "Reason to Hope"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) say that a brand-new violin needs to mature through time and use. The same goes for followers of Christ (1st Peter 3:15). 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.

THANK YOU:

We thank our Parent-Teacher League for their wonderful treats and gifts for Teachers’ Appreciation Week this past week!

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 our Ascension Day Holy Communion service. Men’s Bible Breakfast next meets on Saturday, May 20 to study “Proverbs: God’s Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living.”

EVENING GUILD DUTCH TREAT EVENING:

St. John’s Evening Guild will meet this Tuesday, May 16, at 6 p.m. at Lisa’s in Rocher for its annual Dutch Treat Evening.

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS THURSDAY, MAY 18:

+Ascension Day is the risen Lord Jesus’ visible return to His eternal place of power and glory before His followers on the 40th day after His resurrection. We will celebrate this with a Holy Communion service in church at 8:30 a.m.

+The graduation of our 27th 8th grade students will take place that evening at 7 p.m. in our school’s old gym.

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.

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.

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

Asparagus contains a compound called asparagine, which may help improve blood flow which, in turn, leads to the lowering of blood pressure.

folder, in a weekend worship folder and in our June *Epistle*.

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!

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>

CONGRATULATIONS:

+St. John's member and Red Bud High School senior Aubrey Piel was student of the month for March, nominated for her helpfulness, kindness and dependability.

+St. John's members and Red Bud High School seniors Carolyne Mulherin, Madison Falkenhain and junior Dustin Salger were on the prom court.

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!

OPEN HOUSES IN ST. JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP HALL:

+On Saturday, May 20, 2-4 p.m. we will celebrate Carl and Flo Zschiegner's 65th wedding anniversary which they will observe on May 11. In lieu of gifts, please share a note of your fond memories with this couple.

+On Sunday, May 21, the 80th birthday of Loren Harms will be celebrated from 2-4 p.m. No gifts please. Your presence is the only present requested.

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).*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

5/14- Eugene Stamm, Becky Moeller, Christa Brundage, Marcy Watters; 5/15- Erin Hewitt, Avery Piel; 5/16- Samantha Lee; 5/17- Kim Valentine, Madison Pensoneau, Carson Bowles; 5/18- Megan Rohlfing, Stacey Clifford, Wyatt Clifford; 5/19- Joyce Mesnarich, Candace Horrell, Julia Tribo; 5/20- Bob Turner, Dylan Minemann. *Call our office with corrections!*

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; 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

HELP FOR SENIOR COUPLE RENT FREE:

A senior couple who are St. John's members are offering free rent in a bedroom of their house in exchange for occasional assistance with caretaking. A single young woman is preferred. Call the church office if you have or know of interest.

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

The God of the Scriptures displays a decided preference for precisely the kind of lives our world despises. He devotes particular attention to infants and elderly persons (Psalm 146:9), with no thought for who might find them "unwanted" or "burdensome." He would even have us emulate their dependency upon Him (1 Peter 2:2). And He invites us to know this – and make it known – as real life (John 14:6).

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Can my estate plans change over time? Sometimes change happens in our lives without us realizing it. Maybe someone's health changed in your family and the goals they had for life changed. Maybe you have gotten involved in a new ministry focus in these last years, all to share Jesus with the world. You want to include support for that work. Has your plan kept up with your life and its focus? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you evaluate that. Contact Scott Radden by emailing scott.radden@lfnd.org or calling his cell phone at 618-977-4049.

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Ascension of Christ, The Movie "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3," The Hymn "Christ Is the World's Redeemer," Responding to Unanswered Bible Questions and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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HOSTS NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT RBHS:

Can you help? Several exchange students coming to the area have requested to be placed with Lutheran families. Please consider hosting a boy or girl from Finland or from South Korea. Host families provide room & board. Students cover all other expenses. For more information, contact Tisha LaNae Daech at tdaech@icesusa.org or call/text 618-447-5915.

ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS:

We are in Community Coffee's program, "Cash for Schools." By clipping the proof of purchase off packages of ground coffee and/or K cups our school earns rewards. You can drop off proof of purchases at the school office. Thank you for participating in this program to benefit our school!

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

End of the School Year Activities: Help us celebrate our seniors, Gwenyth Turner and Dillon Grah! 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 will be open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until May 31. The office will be closed on Memorial Day. Starting June 1, summer hours will be 9 am–3 pm Monday to Thursday and 9 am– noon Fridays.

Annual Rummage Sale: Our annual rummage sale will be July 14 and 15. Items may be brought to school beginning June 12.

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,
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 Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Madison Shields, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold,
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 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: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 Lector: (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker; (8 a.m.) Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Addy Schloemann; (8 a.m.) Brody Stellhorn; (10:30 a.m.) Olivia
 CandlerGreeters: (5 p.m.) Ron and Diane Kunkelmann; (8 a.m.) Clyde and Kathy Rowold;
 (10:30 a.m.) Ken and Karen Wetzell

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Vernitta Wolter and Pam Stellhorn Paraments: Ella Hemmer