



Seventh Sunday of Easter
St. John's Lutheran Church- Red Bud, Illinois
May 20-21, 2023 5 p.m. & 8 a.m.



PRELUDE: "This Joyful Eastertide" *arr. by John A. Behnke*
 THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 517 "By All Your Saints" (stand for last stanza, "A-men")

**By all Your saints in war-fare, For all Your saints at rest,
 Your ho-ly name, O Je-sus, For-ev-er-more be blest!
 For You have won the bat-tle That they might wear the crown;
 And now They shine in glo-ry Re-flect-ed from Your throne.**

**For one in place of Ju-das, Th' a-pos-tles sought God's choice;
 The lot fell to Mat-thi-as For whom we now re-joice.
 May we like true a-pos-tles Your hoy Church de-fend,
 And not be-tray our cal-ling But serve You to the end.**

(please stand if you are able)

**Then let us praise the Fa-ther And wor-ship God the Son
 And sing to God the Spir-it, E-ter-nal Three in One,
 Till all the ran-somed num-ber Fall down be-fore the throne,
 As-crib-ing pow'r and glo-ry And praise to God a-lone. A-men.**

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 100:1-5; antiphon Psalm 101:1



I will sing of steadfast love and | jus-tice; to You, O LORD, I will make | mu-sic.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!

Know that the LORD, He is God!	Come into His presence with sing-ing!
we are His / peo-ple,	It is He who made us, and / we are His;
Enter His courts with praise!	and the sheep of His pas-ture.
For the LORD is good; His love endures for- ev-er,	Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
	and His faithfulness to all gener- a-tions.
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 King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 1:12-26

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it"; and "Let another take his office.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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 4:12-19; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" Therefore, let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 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 17:1-11**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

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

When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.

I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they

know that everything that You have given Me is from You. For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one.”

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed (*p. 191 or inside back cover of the hymnal*)

**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: 482 “This Joyful Eastertide”

**This joy-ful Eas-ter-tide A-way with sin and sor—row!
 My love, the Cru-ci-fied, Has sprung to life this mor—row:**

Refrain **Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris-on,
 Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a-ris-en,
 a-ris-en, a-ris-en ; But now has Christ a-ris—en!**

**Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je-sus crossed the riv—er;
 Lov-er of souls, from ill My pass-ing soul de-liv-er: *refrain*
Refrain Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris-on,
 Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a-ris-en,
 a-ris-en, a-ris-en ; But now has Christ a-ris—en!**

**My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea-son slum—ber
 Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in num—ber: *refrain*
Refrain Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris-on,
 Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a-ris-en,
 a-ris-en, a-ris-en ; But now has Christ a-ris—en!**

SERMON: “Filling a Vacancy in the Office of Apostle” Acts 1:12-26

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, Delores Stirnaman, Kathy Wolter, Gary Hayes. *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.

+graduates of our local schools and all members of St. John's who graduated

+those who mourn: family of Esther Buch, aunt of Karen and Linda Buch

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:

662 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
 2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
 4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
 Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
 But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
 Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
 This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.

Refrain



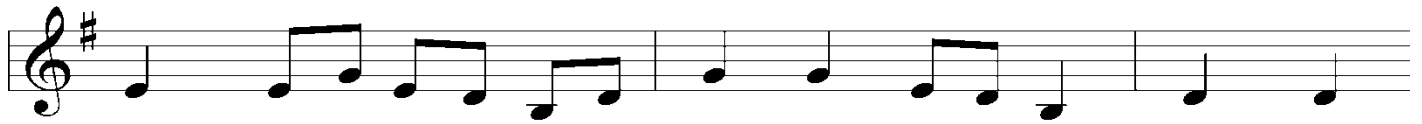
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With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

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753 "All for Christ I Have Forsaken"



1 All for Christ I have for - sak - en And have
 2 Who is sweet - er than Christ Je - sus? No good
 3 Gone the past, un - known the fu - ture— Grace sup -
 4 When God takes me home to heav - en, Should this
 5 Though the road a - head be thorn - y, Though dark



tak - en up my cross; World - ly joy, its
 thing in Him I lack! Hand to plow, at
 plies my dai - ly breath; Strong in Christ through
 be the day I die, God will keep my
 clouds all light ob - scure, Though my cross - shaped



fame and for - tune, Now I count as worth-less dross.
 peace I fol - low Where He leads me... why look back?
 death's dark val - ley, Firm and faith - ful un - to death.
 spouse and chil - dren As the ap - ple of His eye.
 path grows steep - er, With the Lord, I am se - cure.

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822 “Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”



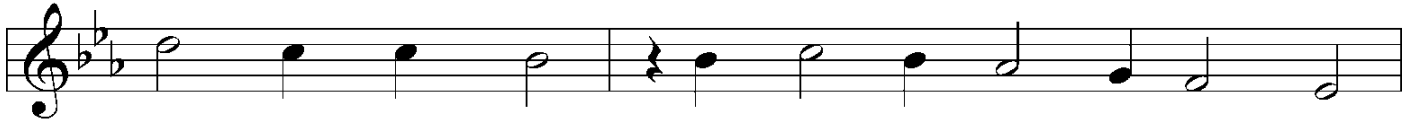
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
 of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
 ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
 une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
 He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
 The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
 the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
 es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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.**

CLOSING HYMN: 477 “Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven” (*sing “A-men.”*)

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
 See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—
 Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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THE POSTLUDE: “Onward Christian Soldiers”

arranged by Lani Smith

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This Week With Our Lord, May 21-28, 2023

SUNDAY, May 21-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible classes and Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

Monday, May 22-

8:30 a.m. Close of School Year Chapel Service in our new gym

Tuesday, May 23-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 9 a.m. to noon Faculty meeting in the school library
 1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place

Wednesday, May 24-

8 a.m. to noon Faculty meeting in the school library
 9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
 1:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting
 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee in the Fellowship Hall
 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Chronicles)

Thursday, May 25-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Matthew)
 8 a.m. to noon Faculty meeting in the school library
 1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin

Friday, May 26- Pastor Nebel on vacation thru June 1

Saturday, May 27-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Kendall Crafton

SUNDAY, May 28-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Claire Carnahan
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (school cafeteria) and Adult Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Macie Brown

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 396; Communion: 97; Adult/Youth: 39; Sunday School: 31

Ascension Day Worship: 192; Communion 55

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)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

1st Peter 5:7 – “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.” We have a Father in heaven who really cares for us and loves us. That is the basis of generosity, because such knowledge spells the end of worry, which is the source of all tightfisted greed.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 5/14- General: \$8,716; School: \$795; Sunday School: \$200; Automatic Giving: \$5,465. *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)*

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women meet at 9:30 a.m. Their topic is Deb Burma's recent book, "Be Still and Know" (cost is \$21). Wednesday's class on 1st Chronicles meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday's class on Matthew meets this week at 7:15 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast next meets on Saturday, June 3 to study "Proverbs: God's Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living."

ADULT INSTRUCTION:

Those interested in learning the doctrines of the Christian faith as taught in the Lutheran Church may contact Pastor Nebel to join 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 over the summer once a week for 12 weeks based on the schedule of class members.

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>

THANK YOU:

"Thank you for the generous gift I received from the congregation for my retirement. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the stained-glass window hanging in the school lobby. I was surprised when it was presented to me. I also express my gratitude for the many cards, congratulations, and gifts I received. I am looking forward to the next chapter in my life, but I will miss being with the children every day." *Mrs. Cindy Steele*

OPEN HOUSE IN ST. JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP HALL:

This 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.

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

One half cup of asparagus provides 57% of the recommended dietary intake for Vitamin K which is an essential nutrient involved in blood clotting and bone health.

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!

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!:

5/21- Denis vanBuren, John Tepe, Kevin Florreich, Trenton Wagner, Paxton Hoffman; 5/22- Sandra Mueth, Janet Papenberg, Kent Liefer; 5/23- Brendan Harms, Ellessandria Sutton, Henry

Schnepel; 5/24- Leah Junge, Cash Grohmann; 5/26- Kim Kueker, Grayden Schloemann; 5/27- Jean Menke, Quentin Stenzel. *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

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

The demise of Judas (Acts 1:18) confirms death is always the devil's work (1st Peter 5:8). We are not ashamed to resist death, for the sake of both the Gospel and our neighbors. The work of God, on the other hand, always seeks to adopt even the ones the world discards and number every human life among His household (Psalm 68:5-6). Let us be about the Father's business!

ISSUES, ETC.:

ACTS BIBLE STUDY... 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 begins a study this week on The Book of Acts. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Can my estate plans change over time? Since you put your estate plans in place 15 years ago, your children have become incredibly successful in their professions, and you now have seven grandchildren under the age of seven. You have a sense the Lord will be calling you home within the next ten years. Your love for family now leads you to consider family inheritance as support for grandchildren's college education. Whether it is this change or your unique one, your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you think and pray through it. Contact Scott Radden by emailing scott.radden@lfnd.org or calling at 618-977-4049.

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.

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

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 starts on August 16.

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.

These members of St. John's have graduated from some level of education this year. Please contact the church office with the names of those not listed so that we can include them in our congratulations in our June newsletter.

St. John's Lutheran School: Connor Bumann, Olivia Candler, Kendall Crafton, Amelia Guebert, Annika Herriman, Landon Kilpatrick, Shamus Korves, Kinley Macbeth, Lucas McCarthy, Ian Moll, Milla Neff, Liam Quintin, Page 6

Addelyn Rahn, Landon Ruebusch, Eve Schwartzkopf, Brody Stellhorn, Brodie Stenzel, Blayton Sutton, Olivia Valleroy, Colby Voss, Ty Voss, Barrett Wagner

Red Bud Elementary School- Emily Bowles, Makannah Harless, Colt Hess, Kadence Koen, Lilly Minemann, Jackson Muench

Prairie du Rocher Elementary School- Sage Pensoneau

Chester Grade School- Jack Kennedy

Smithton Elementary School- Macie Brown

Red Bud High School

Riley Candler, Ashlynn Crafton, Madison Falkenhain, Mitchell Fleming, Grace Guebert, Ashton Liefer, Simone Liefer, Kyle Loughner, Carlyne Mulherin, Aubrey Piel, Madison Proctor, Cody Strong, Noah Tepe

College/University Graduates

Reagan Birkner, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education
Jessie Deterding, Southeast Missouri State University
Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Criminology

Dylan Falkenhain, St. Louis Community College
Associate of Science in Funeral Service
Emma Fritsche, Southeast Missouri State University
Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication
Alyssa Heller, Southeast Missouri State University
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Amber Mollet, Southeast Missouri State University
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Brittney Pensoneau, St. Louis University
Bachelor of Science in Forensics and Biology
Alexander Sievers, University of Alabama, Huntsville
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Callie Todaro, North Central College
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
Lectors: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff; (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Hollis Wolfmeier; (8 a.m.) Charlie Muench; (10:30 a.m.) Sage Pensoneau
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn;
(10:30 a.m.) Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
Flower Servers: Vernitta Wolter and Pam Stellhorn Paraments: Ella Hemmer