



**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church- Red Bud, Illinois**  
**May 21, 2023 10:30 a.m.**



PRELUDE: "Christ the Word of God" *arr. by Valerie Floeter*

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

**OPENING SONG: 540 "Christ, the Word of God"**



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of  
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es  
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to  
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful  
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.  
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high,  
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.  
 Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast.

*(please stand for the last stanza if you are able, sing "A-men")*

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
 Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
 Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be  
 To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally. A-men.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

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

**C who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

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

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 justice; **to You, O LORD, I will make music.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! **Come into His presence with singing!**

Know that the LORD, He is God! **It is He who made us, and we are His;**

**we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His courts with praise! **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

For the LORD is good; His love endures forever, **and His faithfulness to all generations.**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

**SONG OF PRAISE: “Brothers and Sisters in Christ”**

**1. Sing Alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend.**

**Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior and King!**

**Here brought together by grace, We are gathered as friends in this place.**

*(Refrain)* **And assembled as one, in the name of the Son, Lifting hearts, lifting  
hands, Celebrating as friends, And proclaiming the Lord,  
All our praises afford. We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**2. Man walked alone and in need, Without faith, hope or promise or creed:**

**Wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost;**

**That God in His mercy would save All His people from death and the grave.**

*(Refrain)*

**3. Lord, teach us how to proclaim All Your goodness, Your love and Your name!**

**Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord how to live.**

**Raising our voices in song, Help us tell all the world we belong. *(Refrain)***

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**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray.

**C: 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)***

**ANTHEM:** “This Is a Joyous, Happy Day” *Kindergarten-Grade 2 School Students*

**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 able)* **ALLELUIA VERSE: "Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord"**

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

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

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

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

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## **THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**John 17:1-11**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C: Glory to You, 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: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles’ Creed

**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)***

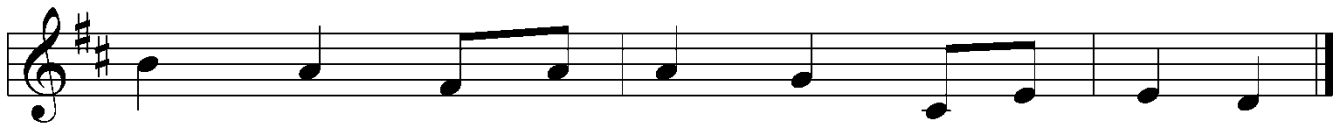
### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG: 725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

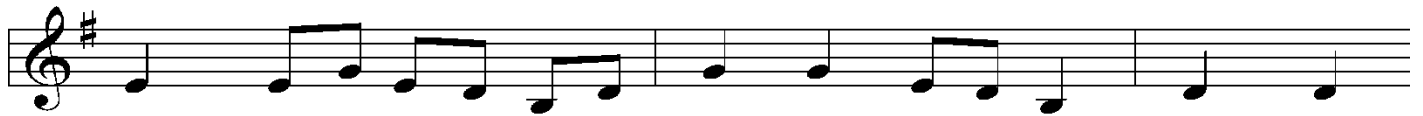


in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

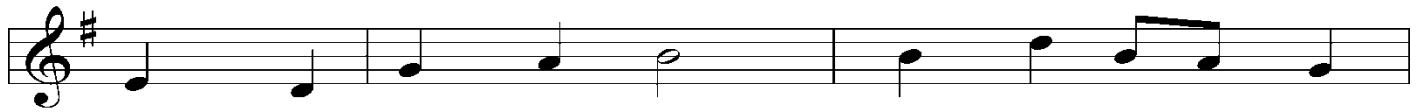


heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

### SONG OF THE DAY: 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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**SERMON:** “Filling a Vacancy in the Office of Apostle” Acts 1:12-26

**SONG OF RESPONSE:** “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

**1. We are one in the Spir-it, We are one in the Lord, (repeat)**

**And we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored.**

*(refrain)* **And they’ll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love,**

**Yes, they’ll know we are Chris-tians by our love.**

**2. We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand, (repeat)**

**And to-geth-er we’ll spread the news that God is in our land. (refrain)**

**3. We will work with each oth-er, We will work side by side, (repeat)**

**And we’ll guard each man’s dig-ni-ty and save each man’s pride. (refrain)**

*(please stand if able)* **4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Je-sus, His on-ly Son, and all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us one. (refrain)**

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(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: “We Are An Offering”**

**We lift our voices. We lift our hands.**

**We lift our lives up to You. We are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices. Lord, use our hands. Lord, use our lives, they are Yours.**

**We are an offering. We are an offering.**

### **LORD’S PRAYER, CLOSING PRAYER, BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:**

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

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; **C: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **Amen.**



*(please be seated)* **CLOSING SONG: 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*

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



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

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**THE POSTLUDE: “To Walk in God’s Ways”***by Lani Smith**Instrumentalists: Lindsey Hudak, John Kellerhouse, Brandon Nehrt and Jonathan Hudak*

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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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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. (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 80<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dvheller@htc.net) or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 5:16).*

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](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

The demise of Judas (Acts 1:18) confirms death is always the devil's work (1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@coslhs.org). If you have questions call 618-853-7300.

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