

*First Sunday in Lent*

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Red Bud, Illinois**

*February 21, 2021*

**10:30 a.m.**

WELCOME to St. John's Lutheran Church! We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people. We are especially happy that we have visitors with us today. St. John's is a congregation which follows the historic order of Christian worship. Even if you are not Lutheran, you may recognize many of the elements of worship from your own tradition. If you or your small child needs a space for privacy during the service, Room 1 in the Fellowship Hall has a TV with a video feed of our worship service. To help with the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

**The Prelude:**

**The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.**

**Opening Song: 550 "Lamb of God"**



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



*Refrain*  
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

*Please stand if you are able.*

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

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

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

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

### **Introit: Psalm 91**

When he calls to Me, I will answer him; **I will rescue him and honor him.**

With long life I will satisfy him **and show him My salvation.**

No evil shall be allowed to be-fall you, **no plague come near your tent.**

For He will command His angels concerning you **to guard you in all your ways.**

On their hands they will bear you up, **lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

*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.*

When he calls to Me, I will answer him; **I will rescue him and honor him.**

With long life I will satisfy him **and show him My salvation.**

### **Song of Praise: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**

**Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.**

**I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.**

**You came from heav-en to earth to show the way.**

**From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;**

**From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

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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 Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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**

### The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22:1–18

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.”

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the

stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gradual**

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,\*  
**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**  
 who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,\*  
**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

### **The Epistle Reading: James 1:12–18**

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He Himself tempts no one.

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able*

**The Gospel Verse: (LSB 702)**

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal-va-ry, Sav-ior di-vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt a-way; O let me from this day Be whol-ly Thine!**

### **Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9–15**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter. C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.”

The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**  
**Apostles' Creed**

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children's Message Song: "Thy Word"**

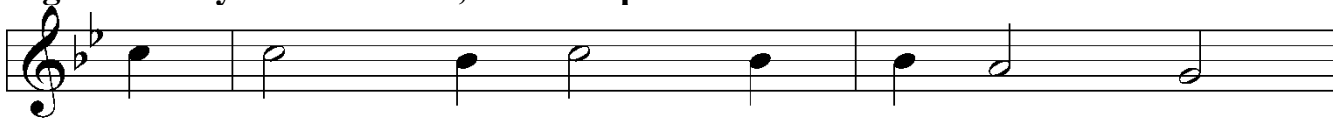
*(Refrain)* **Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me,  
 And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. (refrain)**

**2. I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.  
 Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end. (refrain)**

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**Song of the Day: 544 "O Love, How Deep"**



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore  
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
 5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 Of high - er or of low - er place,  
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,  
 For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,



That God, the Son of God, should take  
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus  
 He bore the shame - ful cross and death;



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 And to this world Him - self He came.  
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.  
 For us He gave His dy - ing breath.

6 For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign;  
 For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

*Please stand if you are able*

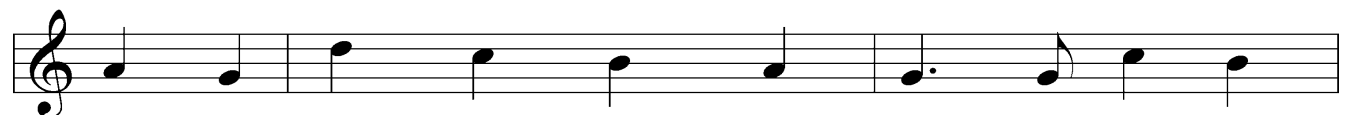
7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
 The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore. Public domain

**Sermon:** "God Himself Provides the Sacrifice" Genesis 22:1-18

**Song of Response: 576 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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*Please stand if you are able* **Prayer of the Church**

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Ed Luttman, Barb Ladwig, Elroy Stellhorn, Fred Buch, Dennis Deterding, Rhonda Schaefer, Lori Rees, David Burgdorf, Jackie Quintin; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Roger Drinnon, Sr., Barb Niermann, Boniface Becker, Doug Whelan, Brenda Manning, Judy Hackstadt, Wayne Collmeyer, Velma Koenig, Rev. Timothy Scharr, Matt Haas, Whitney Stitzel, Max Schrader. *Help us keep this list current!*

**MILITARY:** (*Please call with names.*) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss, Joshua Cox; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure

**EMERGENCY PERSONNEL:** Fire/EMS- Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Kenny Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser; Police- Abigail Brundage, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Jason Palm (*Please call our office with names*)

Heavenly Father, as we enter this Lenten season of repentance and renewed devotion, we pray that You would remember us according to Your steadfast love and goodness in Christ and instruct and lead us by Your Spirit in Your ways so that we may repent and believe the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You placed the wood of the cross on the back of Your only begotten Son, that as the promised offspring of Abraham He might possess the gates of hell. Bless, we pray, His Church and all those called to preach and teach within her, remembering the call we have extended for a seminary graduate, with the certainty that those gates cannot prevail against them, that in faith they may boldly trample every power of the enemy underfoot. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, preserve all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home from the assaults of the evil one. As Your Son overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, so also give us the victory through Christ and His Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of lights, from whom every good and perfect gift comes down to us from above, keep us from being enticed by our own desires to misuse Your gifts in sin, and help us to use them rightly in service to You and our neighbor. Bless our president, all our leaders, and those who serve for our protection, care and health as members of our armed forces, law enforcement, emergency responders and medical professionals, that we may be governed and served wisely

and justly for the good of this present generation and for all those yet to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most High God, our refuge in every trouble, You have promised to hear when we call to You. We ask that You would grant us relief from the problems of this pandemic. We pray that You would command Your angels to guard our brothers and sisters, *especially* Ed, Barb, Elroy, Fred, Dennis, Rhonda, Lori, David, Jackie, Lori, Roger, Barb, Boniface, Doug, Brenda, Judy, Wayne, Velma, Rev. Scharr, Matt, Whitney, Max, those we name in our hearts, and all those who suffer in our midst. Keep them from every evil that can befall the body, mind and soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we remember with thanksgiving those before us whom You brought forth by the Word of truth who now live and reign in Your presence with Your Son. As You have also brought us forth by that Word in Baptism, we pray that You would bring us to full maturity by Your Word, that we, too, may be gathered with them to Your Son on the glorious harvest of the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

Lord remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray: *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### Closing Collect And Benediction

Pastor: Blessed Lord, since 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 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. **People: Amen.**

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. **C Amen.**

### Closing Song: 739 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near





I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
 When my life is almost gone,  
 And the day is almost gone,  
 Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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## The Postlude: *arranged by*

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### ***This Week With Our Lord, February 21-28, 2021***

(When activities are going on in the Fellowship Hall, the sanctuary is available for prayer and meditation.)

#### SUNDAY, February 21-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:25 a.m. Sunday School in new gym; Being Lutheran class in the school library

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible classes in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

#### Monday, February 22-

3:00 p.m. School faculty meeting in the library

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

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

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall (rescheduled)

#### Tuesday, February 23- *Spring Picture Day*

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Volleyball (ABC) at home versus St. Libory

#### Wednesday, February 24-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church Acolyte: Lily Kent

9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in FH  
 5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church Acolyte: Olivia Geraldts

Thursday, February 25-

8:10 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)  
 4:15 p.m. Volleyball away at Coulterville  
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, February 26- Remote Learning Day

11:00 a.m. Senior Meal service from out of the Fellowship Hall  
*Volleyball A at St. John/Chester tourney & C at tourney here*

Saturday, February 27-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (Job)  
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Morgan Kent

SUNDAY, February 28-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Jakob Biffar  
 9:25 a.m. Sunday School & Faith/Pandemic classes in new gym  
 9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall  
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Addyson Piel

Next Week's Worship Readings

Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Epistle: Romans 5:1-11; Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:**

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-3873 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:**

Worship: 193; Holy Communion: 141; Adults & Youth: 39; Sunday School students: 33  
 Ash Wednesday Worship: 58; Communion: 54

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 2/14- General Fund: \$17,111.20; Automatic Giving: \$5690; School: \$20. *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."* (Malachi 3:10)

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Mark 1:13 – "And Jesus was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him." God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of His temptation in the wilds. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father's provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:**

Boxes of offering envelopes are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please take yours and any for family members not able to be in worship with us. If you do not see a box for yourself, please call our office at 282-2394 and ask Julie for one. Thank you!

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

The world wields power with blunt force, but God hides His power in suffering, weakness, and humility. Listen to "Do You See Anything?" (Mark 9) with Speaker Rev. Michael Ziegler on

KFUO AM 850 this Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio on Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

**ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:** (9:30 to 10:15 a.m.)

Sunday Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets with Pastor Nebel this Sunday to conclude the topic, "Fear or Faith; Terror or Trust? Worldly Worry or Christian Living." DCE Bill Becker has begun a new study called, "Being Lutheran." This class meets in the school library.

**ZOOM BIBLE CLASS OFFERING:**

Seminarian Wade Waterstreet is offering a Zoom Bible Class on Saturdays from 4-4:40 p.m. To be part of "Stump the Seminarian" please send an email to him at [waterstreetw@csl.edu](mailto:waterstreetw@csl.edu) and he will send you a weekly Zoom link.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY:**

+The following students had perfect attendance in January: Nursery: Jettson Grohmann and Hayden Schlimme; Kindergarten: Maggie Kuehn, Liam and Amelia Langrehr; First grade: Henry Schnepel; Second grade: Natalie Kassing, Lucy Kuehn, Jackson Neff, Holden Wagner; Fifth grade: Molly Kuehn; Sixth grade: Milla Neff; Eighth grade: MaKayla Liefer and Samuel Roscow. Thank you for your faithfulness and dedication!

+Sunday School teachers will meet this Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of St. John's member Virginia Bahr who died in the Lord on February 12 at the age of 94 years and six months. Her funeral service was here on Friday and her burial was at Trinity in Prairie. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

**EVENING GUILD PROJECT:**

Our Evening Guild mission project for the 40 days of Lent is to collect donations for the Musketeer Market at Red Bud High School. A list of items needed are on the front page of the North County News. Place donations in the collection crate in our Fellowship Hall.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:**

Midweek Lenten services are on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Our theme this year is "By His Wounds We Are Healed." The evening service will be preceded by a served supper in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:45 p.m. The menu this week will be spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, Caesar salad, birthday cake (for Diana Becker), and two varieties of homemade ice cream. A free will offering benefitting the Senior Youth will be taken.

**DIVINE CALL EXTENDED:**

In our Voters meeting on January 24 the proposal to enter into a dual parish arrangement with St. John in Baldwin for the purpose of calling a Split-time Pastor who will serve us as an Associate Pastor and serve the Baldwin congregation as its Sole Pastor was approved. We will extend this call for a spring placement seminary graduate. For us this would replace our arrangement with Rev. Clifford Adair as our part-time Assistant to the Pastor.

**SENIOR MEAL:**

The next to go senior meal is scheduled for this Friday, February 26. The menu consists of chicken pot pie, crescent rolls, applesauce, and homemade desserts. Pick up will be from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. behind the Fellowship Hall. Please rsvp to Mr. Becker at 618-282-2958.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH:**

We welcome Martha Rohlfing into our family of faith through a Profession of Faith. She is originally from Red Bud and is the sister of St. John's member Mary Gross. Martha has relocated to Red Bud from Oak Park. Please welcome her back into our family of faith here at St. John's.

**SYNOD (AND DISTRICT) CONVENTION DELAYED:**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions in many states which would prevent districts from gathering in convention this year, the LCMS put out a vote on whether to postpone the synodical convention from 2022 to 2023, enabling districts to hold their conventions next year. More than the required one-fourth (63.32%) of the Synod's member congregations registered a vote, and the majority (90.67%) of votes cast favored adoption. The stated extension of the 2019–2022 triennium by a year, allowing district conventions to take place in either 2021 or 2022 and deferring the national Synod convention from 2022 to 2023, is therefore adopted.

**CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:**

+St. John's member Joan Voges offers music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection to us for a donation to our school's ministry. You can pick up copies from the table in the entryway.

+Former St. John's member Bryan Perdue has a new CD of music available called, "Freely Given Freely Received." This, plus a few of his earlier CDs also are available on the table in the entryway for a \$10 donation to our congregation's debt reduction.

**FISH FRY FRIDAY:**

St. Peter UCC of Red Bud will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, February 26 from 4-7 p.m. Carry-outs only will be served. The dinner will feature cod, catfish and shrimp with sides of homemade potato salad (German and American). Call ahead at 282-2417 to place an order paid by cash or check only.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:**

The annual March on the Arch will be held on Saturday, March 6 in St. Louis. You are invited to be part of the impact. Many things about the March look different this year due to Covid precautions, but one thing that hasn't changed is the importance of witnessing publicly that God values all human life, from conception to natural death. We encourage all members of the LCMS to care for people who are vulnerable and to speak for them by seeking out and taking part, both from a distance and in person, in upcoming life-affirming events. To register for the March on the Arch, please go to [https://www.lcms-life.org/marchlifeevent2021?r\\_done=1](https://www.lcms-life.org/marchlifeevent2021?r_done=1) and click on the "Register Now" button toward the bottom of the page. Please register so the LCMS Life Coordinators can provide additional information as it becomes available and help those in the same geographic area to network with one another.

**THE PRAYER CHAIN:**

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. If you would like to serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at 618/521-7417 or [dvheller@htc.net](mailto:dvheller@htc.net). Call our office if you would like 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).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:**

Red Bud Care Center: David Burgdorf, Wilma Wagner, Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Waterloo- Cecelia Lautenschlaeger

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:**

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Doris Mueller, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Elda Seders, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin and Helen Winkelman

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:**

Kathryn Chunn, Larry Ebers, Don and Betty Fausz, Willie Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth and Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Omer and Neva Liefer, Orville Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

**ELDER ZONES FOR 2021:** (Chairman, Eric Fritsche)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Eric Fritsche (618/410-5989)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Larry Gielow (618/830-4689)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann thru R/K Herriman- Elder Jacob Arbeiter (618/615-1108)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Adam Guebert (618/920-2403)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick thru Janel Maes- Elder David Reinhardt (618/967-7967)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader- Elder Mike DeRousse (618/719-7024)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Kevin Guebert (618/973-4356)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann thru Doug Zschiegner- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/559-7950)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

2/21- Patricia Wagner, Adam Wild; 2/22- Darla Cowell; 2/23- Doug Sachtleben, Jennifer Falkenhain; 2/24- Charles Hartmann, Diana Becker, Scott Brown, Ava Kiefer; 2/25- Daniel Liefer, Ryan Stamm, Megan Henry, Jordan Schneider, Amelia Guebert, Brynlee Liefer; 2/26- Mary Gross, Ella Hemmer, Robert Gross, Steven Burgdorf, Dylan Roscow; 2/27- Eugene Liefer, Dennis Deterding. *Please call the office for corrections!*

**PARISH NURSE NOTE:** from LCMS *Better Health*

*Not a Bad Yolk After All:* The greater effect on blood cholesterol (risk of heart attack and stroke) is the saturated fat in the foods that we eat, not the cholesterol content. It is often the foods that we eat with our eggs that are high in saturated fat which raise our cholesterol.

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUO Radio, AM850 & **kfu.org**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & **kfu.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at **kfu.org** and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO and kfu.org join us for Midweek Lent Worship and Organ Concert on 2/24 at 11:00 a.m., continue studying Ephesians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and continue studying the Gospel of Mark on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or on your podcast app.

**ISSUES, ETC:**

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT..."When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "My Song Is Love Unknown," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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

"Do not lay your hand on the boy ... the Lord will provide" (Genesis 22:12-14). Don't mothers and fathers experiencing surprise pregnancies have the need—and the right—to hear this plea from

God Himself? And what a privilege we have to repeat the holy prohibition and promise! Jesus Christ has stepped into every sinner's place (Mark 1:9, 13), and no other death is necessary or sufficient. His alone will atone for all of our shortcomings.

**LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS:**

Copies of a Daily Bible Reading Guide from LBT are in the entryway. The readings for this week are: Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>- Psalm 91; Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>- Hosea 1:1-2:1; Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>- Hosea 2:2-23; Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>- Hosea 3:1-5; Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>- Hosea 11:1-11; Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>- Hosea 14:1-9; Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>- Deuteronomy 6:1-9.

**LCMS FOUNDATION:**

Certain assets we hold, things like 401(k)s, IRAs or even annuities can carry a tax burden not related to a federal estate tax. These special accounts have never been taxed, and so when money is withdrawn, either in life or through inheritance, there will not be an estate tax but an *income* tax event. If you have never discussed the taxation of your assets, you may be missing an opportunity to maximize your gifts to family and ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott Radden at 618/977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org) for more information.



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*Serving Us in Worship Today*

Preacher: Rev. Clifford Adair Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak Lector: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Wade Waterstreet

Children's Message: (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Grayson Herriman; (8 a.m.) Noah Kassing; (10:30 a.m.) Gavin Baldwin

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

Flower Servers: Kathy Valleroy and Skylar Valleroy Paraments: Carol Turner