

The Third Sunday of Easter
April 17 & 18, 2021 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

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PRELUDE: "Prelude in G Major" *by J. S Bach*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

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. We ask everyone to sign our Friendship Register that is at the end of the pew. To honor the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

Opening Hymn: 457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (*stand for last stanza, "A-men"*)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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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.**

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 30:1-5; Ps. 16:11b



In Your presence there is full- | ness of joy;

at Your right hand are pleasures for- | ev-er-more.

I extol You, O LORD, for You have | drawn me up

and have not let my foes rejoice | ov-er me.

O LORD my God, I cried to | You for help, and You have | healed me.

O LORD, You brought up my soul | from Sheol; You restored / me to life.

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you His saints, and give thanks to His | ho-ly name.

For His anger is but for / a mo-ment, and His favor is for | a life-time.

Weeping may tarry / for the night, but joy comes with | the morn-ing.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie (*sung*)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis page 187

P: Glory be to God on high: C: **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. C (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

C: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)

THE FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-21

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him."

"But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago."

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

THE GRADUAL

Christ has risen from the dead. **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**
He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; **He has put all things under His feet.**

THE EPISTLE READING: 1st John 3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

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

Please Stand if you are able **Gospel Introduction** (*sung*) (*LSB 547 "The Lamb"*)

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o-ver-flows.

His song prolong Till ev-'ry heart to Him be-longs.

Wor-thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36-49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C (*sung*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate before them.

Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C (*sung*) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

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: 828 “We Are Called to Stand Together”

We are called to stand to-ge-th-er With the saints of a-ges past,
With the pa-tri-archs and proph-ets In the faith they once held fast;
Prom-is-es and hopes they trea-sured Now we find ful-filled at last!

Those whom Je-sus called a-pos-tles Jour-neyed with Him side by side,
Heard His teach-ing, felt His pow-er, Saw the way He lived and died;
Then the news of res-ur-rec-tion They de-liv-ered far and wide.

Through the in-ter-ven-ing a-ges Round the world the Gos-pel spread:
Faith-ful her-alds took the mes-sage, Guid-ed where the Spir-it led;
So the bod-y grew in stat-ure, Serv-ing Christ, the liv-ing head.

Now in man-y tongues and cul-tures Songs of cel-e-bra-tion ring;
Mil-lions who con-fess our Sav-ior Hon-or Him as Lord and King
And, for courage, grace and guidance Ev-‘ry day their prayers they bring.

To each com-ing gen-er-a-tion Tell the truth, per-suade, ex-plain,
Till the time when time is end-ed, Till the Sav-ior comes a-gain—
Till the saints are all u-ni-ted Un-der Christ’s e-ter-nal reign!

SERMON: “Jesus Himself Stands Among Us; Here I Stand With Him” Luke 24:36

(Please stand if you are able) **Offertory** *(sung)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

HEALING AND COMFORT: Alice Smith, Orville Liefer, Ed Luttmann, Doris Mueller, Barb Ladwig, Dorothy Hartmann, Arlene Pratt, Elroy Stellhorn, Larry Ebers, Rev. Russell Koen, Clyde Rowold, Martha Krick, Dennis Deterding, Rhonda Schaefer, Susie Harms; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members*: Lori Voges, Barb Niermann, Doug Whelan, Velma Koenig, Bob Rothley, Bruce Schneider, Michelle Dillon. *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

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+for the continued confession of faith, regular worship and godly living of our confirmands

+the mission work of our Southern Illinois District in prisons, on campuses and for life issues

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, in Your presence we find fullness of joy, and by Your right hand, Christ Jesus, You win and deliver peace forevermore. In the midst of this world's sins and sorrows, give us peace in the knowledge of His salvation and confident hope in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, by the incarnation of Your Son and the reconciliation of His cross, You have made us Your children and gathered us into Your Holy Church. Bless the young people of our congregation who this weekend make the good confession of faith in the presence of many witnesses. Sustain the preaching of Your Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world. Bless our congregation with Your answer to our call extended for a seminary graduate to serve us here at St. John's and also the people of St. John in Baldwin. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husband and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, preserve our nation and its leaders, especially our president, our governor, other elected representatives, appointed officials, members of our military, law enforcement and emergency responders. Preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands and restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless, that we may practice righteousness while awaiting the eternal peace promised in Christ's wounds alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord help us to remember it is good news for all the world. Bless the mission effort of our district at the universities in Carbondale and Edwardsville as well as at Unity Elementary School in East St. Louis. Bless our prison ministry throughout the many jails and penitentiaries in southern Illinois. Bless the congregations supported by our district. And finally bless our Advocates for Life Committee in their efforts to remind the world that Jesus came to bring life to all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, as Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your caring presence to those in our midst who are in need of healing and comfort *especially* Alice, Orville, Ed, Doris, Barb, Dorothy, Arlene, Elroy, Larry, Russell, Clyde, Martha, Dennis, Rhonda, Susie, Lori, Barb, Doug, Velma, Bruce, Bob, Michelle and those we name in our hearts. We thank You for the wonderful work of our healthcare personnel as they serve with care, devotion and dedication to their duty. Comfort also those who weep the loss of loved ones to physical death with the blessed joy of Easter morning's resurrection message. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Son's crucifixion all sins have been blotted out. Send us now the blessed refreshment of His bodily presence in the Sacrament of the Altar, and make us fit partakers in repentance for the forgiveness of our sins. 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.**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. Place a finger to your lips if you prefer an individual cup. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (*we sing the responses*)

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. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: **Sanctus** (*sung*)

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

P 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.

(sung) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. A-men.**

The Words of Our Lord and Pax Domini

P ...The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** *(sung)* **A-men.**

Agnus Dei *(sung)*

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. **A-men.** *(please be seated)*

Distribution Hymn: 476 "Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow"



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'
2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us
3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing



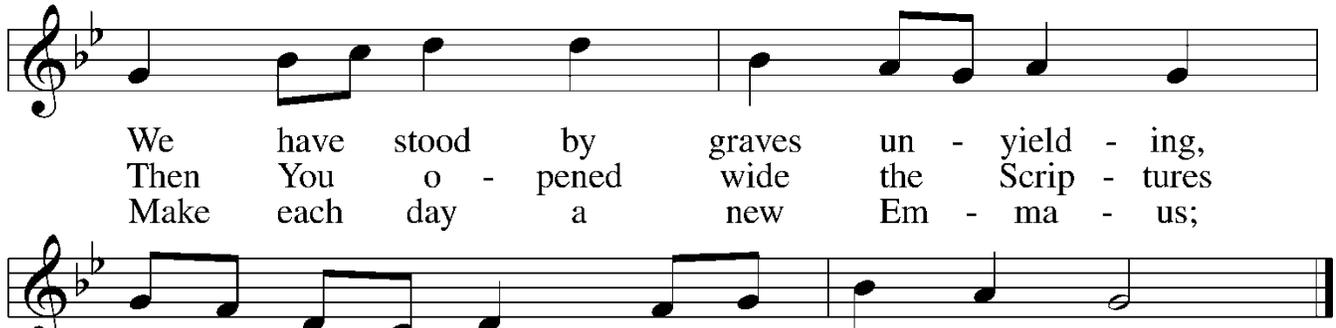
bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,
stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om
of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,
Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!
Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;
When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,
on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!



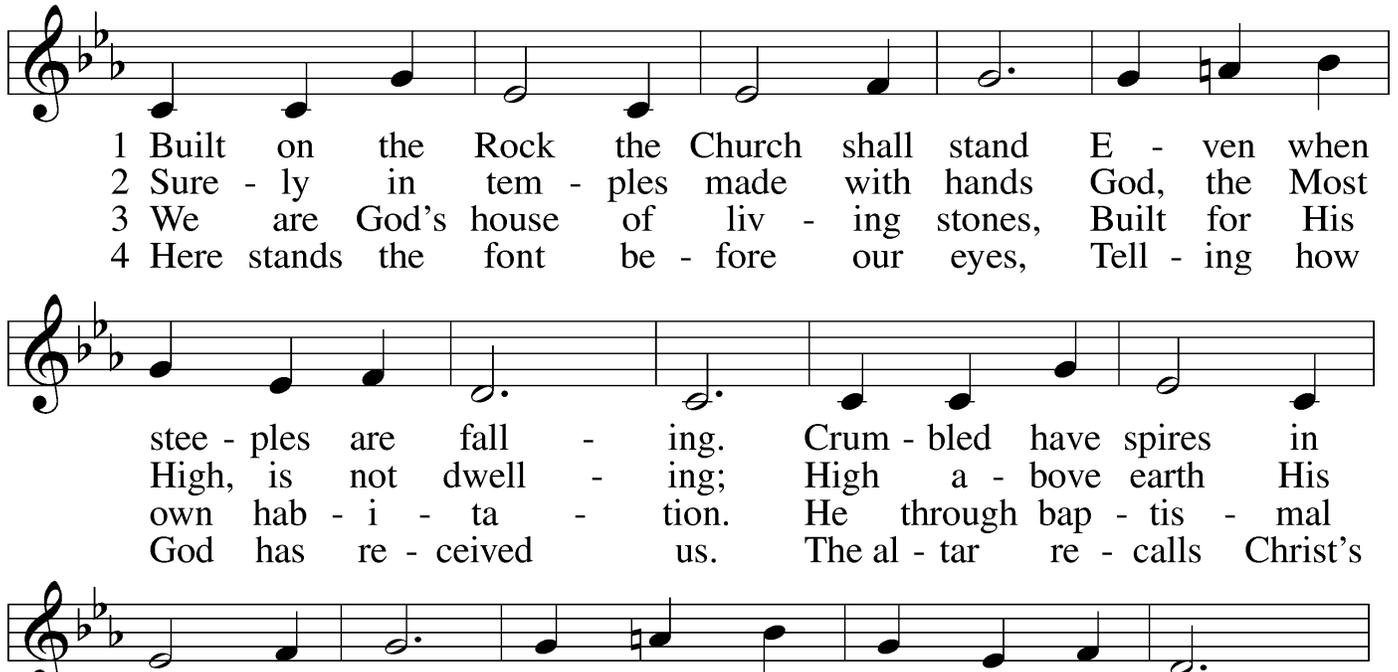
We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,
Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures;
Make each day a new Em - ma - us;
Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
Till our hearts with - in us burned.
On our hearts Your im - age trace!

4 Who are we who travel with You On our way through life to death?
Women, men, the young, the aging, Wakened by the Spirit's breath!
At the font You claim and name us, Born of water and the Word;
At the table still You feed us, Host us as our risen Lord!

5 "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Is the Easter hymn we sing!
Take our life, our joy, our worship As the gift of love we bring.
You have formed us all one people Called from ev'ry land and race.
Make the Church Your servant body, Sent to share Your healing grace!

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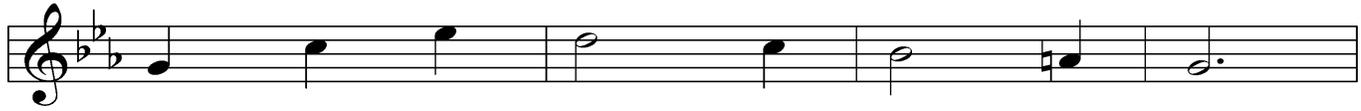
Distribution Hymn: 645 "Built on the Rock"



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
steeples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives



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



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



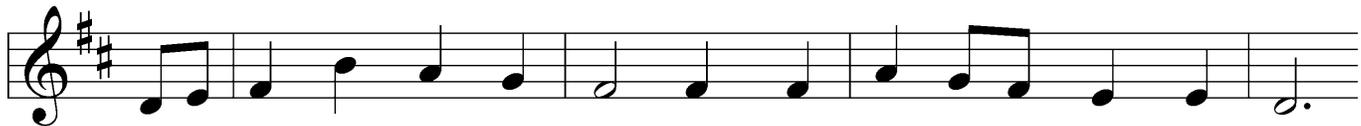
Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
 Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
 "I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
 My peace I leave with you. Amen."

Distribution Hymn: 658 "Preserve Your Word, O Savior"



- 1 Pre-serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
 2 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas - phem - er smite;
 3 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your Zi - on, Bought dear - ly with Your blood;
 4 Pre-serve Your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us whole,



And let Your king - dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.
 Con - vince, con - vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night.
 Pro - tect what You have cho - sen A - gainst the hell - ish flood.
 The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.
 Re - veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low,
 Be al - ways our de - fend - er When dan - gers gath - er round;
 Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n - ly grace,



Let noth - ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.
 Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know.
 When all the earth is crum - bling, Safe may Your Church be found.
 Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.

5 Preserve in wave and tempest Your storm-tossed little flock;
 Assailed by wind and weather, May it endure each shock.
 Stand at the helm, our pilot, And set the course aright;
 Then we will reach the harbor In Your eternal light.

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(Please stand if you are able) **Nunc Dimittis** *(sung)*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C** *(sung)* **and His mercy endureth forever.**

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 spirit.**

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)* **Amen, amen, amen.**

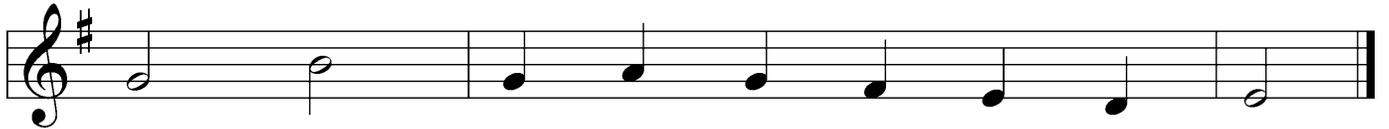
CLOSING HYMN: 655 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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THE POSTLUDE: "Built on the Rock"

arranged by Edward Broughton

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This Week With Our Lord, April 18-25, 2021

SUNDAY, April 18-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 9:25 a.m. Sunday School & Being Lutheran 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 (Rite of Confirmation)

Monday, April 19-

- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 20-

- 12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 21-

- 8:20 a.m. School Chapel in the new gym
- 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 the Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Samuel)

Thursday, April 22- *Cougar Prowl Fun Run at school*

- 8:10 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
- 7:00 p.m. Spring Musical Showing in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 23- Remote Learning; no in-person attendance

Saturday, April 24-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Lucas McCarthy

11:30 p.m. Class of 2021 gathers for DC Trip on parking lot

SUNDAY, April 25-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Blayton Sutton

9:25 a.m. Sunday School & Being Lutheran 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: Landon Ruebusch

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God from the confirmation class of 2021 in thanksgiving for their instruction in the Christian faith.

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: 373; Holy Communion: 105; Adults & Youth: 54; Sunday School students: 51

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 4/11- General Fund: \$10,311; School: \$305. Automatic Giving: \$5,790. *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)

THRIVENT CHOICE DEPOSIT:

We have received over \$3900 in Thrivent Choice money. Thank you to those with Thrivent policies who have designated St. John's to be the recipient of your Thrivent Choice funds!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

1 John 3:2 – “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.” The essence of our sanctification is becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. In the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADJUSTMENT THIS SUNDAY:

The primary classes will all enter through door one (main entrance) this Sunday along with grades two through eight. They will then proceed to the old gym where the primary classes will be held due to the new gym lobby being reserved for a family's confirmation party. Pick up will be as usual in the new parking lot.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Where does one go to hide from God? Dr. Michael Zeigler says the book of Jonah is about God, on a mission to get through to you. Listen to “One Greater Than Mrs. McCallister” (Jonah 1) with Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFUE 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 continue the study, “The Holy Bible: Genesis to Revelation.” Today’s topic is “Exodus.” DCE Bill Becker teaches a 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 email him at waterstreetw@csl.edu. He will send you a Zoom link.

EVENING GUILD ACTIVITIES:

Bunco Night in our Fellowship Hall is on Tuesday April 20 @ 7 p.m. Our Evening Guild is sponsoring this event for all women of our congregation and their guests. Join us for a fun evening of bunco with prizes and refreshments. Please wear a mask to enter. Our hostesses are: Janet Braun, chairman, Gladys Brand, Brenda Gilpatrick, Mary Gross and Judy Guebert.

LWML Facebook Live Bible Study: Thursday, April 22 and 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. It is called “Psalm Helps When Times are Tough” by our LWML District Pastoral Advisors, Pastor Stephen Krenz and Pastor Steve Jacobsen. Facebook page: LWML Southern Illinois District

NEW WOMEN’S BIBLE CLASS COMING:

An 8-week Women’s Bible Study will begin on April 28 meeting on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. “All Together Beautiful,” written by Heidi Goehmann, will explore the Old Testament book Song of Songs (Solomon). Please register for this class today by calling Vickie Heller (618/521-7417) or Janel Kassing (618/977-1175).

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/SECRETARIAL POSITION AVAILABLE:

With the retirement of Julie Ratz on June 15, the position of Executive Assistant/Secretary will be open. Applications are being accepted. The form is on our website at www.stjohnsredbud.org under “Contact Us” in the navigation bar. General responsibilities are: record and report congregational finances; publish official communications; and keep congregational membership and cemetery records. Expectations are: represent St. John’s in a Christian manner; have basic skills in using Microsoft Word, Google Docs, Excel and Quickbooks; work with the pastor(s) in carrying out the daily duties necessary for the smooth operation of the congregation; build good public relations with congregation members and the general public; and live as a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ guided by God’s Word and the teachings of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Salary will be based on years of experience and the Salary Guidelines of The Southern Illinois District-LCMS.

CALLING FOR WORSHIP GREETERS:

Our Board of Elders wants to resume our practice of greeters for our worship services. Whether you have done this in the past or would be new to this ministry service, Pastor would like to hear from you. Please call or email him if you are willing to serve St. John’s in this way.

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. We will know on April 24 whether or not this position will be filled for us. This would replace our arrangement with Rev. Clifford Adair as our part-time Assistant to the Pastor.

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.

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. If you want to serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at 618/521-7417 or 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: 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; Columbia Convalescent- David Burgdorf

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

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Doris Mueller, Vernon/Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

4/18- Neva Liefer, Margaret Hanebutt, Griffin Ziebold, Lucas Stellhorn, Isabella Nagel; 4/19- Danette Kaesburg, Erin Krick, Cameron Harms, Breanna Cowell, Isaac Moll, Ava Moll; 4/20- Karen Wetzel, Chloe Cowell, Josef Biffar; 4/21- Mike Kuhn, Donna Burgdorf, Adam Muench, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr; 4/22- Pearl Luttmann, Matthew Becker; 4/23- Sydney Schweizer, Allyson Fruth, Lindsey Fruth, Kellen Herriman; 4/24- Jill Hanebutt, Randy Grohmann, Chris Liefer, Tyler Henry, Shawn Nichols, Alexander Sievers, Ashton Liefer. *Please call the office for corrections!*

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

God's Green Old and New Deal- A small study published in *Frontiers in Psychology* showed that spending just 20 minutes outdoors in God's creation—your yard, park or other green space—can help lower stress hormone ("cortisol") levels.

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS:

Copies of a Daily Bible Reading Guide are in the entryway. This week's readings are: April 18th- Romans 15:1-13; April 19th- Colossians 1:1-23; April 20th- Colossians 1:24-2:5; April 21st- Colossians 2:6-23; April 22nd- Colossians 3:1-17; April 23rd- Isaiah 25:1-2; April 24th- Isaiah 35:1-10.

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)

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Why do I need an estate plan? God established your authority over His gifts. You may have family for which to care. You have financial assets you need to aim for godly purposes. You have God's graceful purpose of sharing Jesus in everything you do. When the Lord calls you home, you don't want family spending endless hours in court battling over powers and assets. You want them continuing in the faith which you shared with them. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you think about your stewardship privileges. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The TV Series "The Falcon and the Winter Soldier;" The Historical Reliability of John's Gospel; The Word "Resurrection" in the Bible; The Calling of the Prophet Isaiah and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

"Repentance and forgiveness should be proclaimed in His name to all" (Luke 24:47). We should proclaim repentance and forgiveness even unto those who promote or take part in sins against the sanctity of life. If God blots out our guilt for killing the Author of life (Acts 3:15, 19), will He not also do so for those who have had a hand in abortions?

CONCERTS AT PEACE:

Peace Lutheran in Lemay presents a Special Brown Bag Concert for Senior Citizens on Wednesday, April 21 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot. Popular and Jazz pianist and singer Ken Kehner will provide music. You are invited to order a Brown Bag lunch (or bring your own) to enjoy during the concert from your car or lawn chair. To order lunch visit www.peacestlmusic.org or call the church office. This concert is courtesy of the St. Louis Musicians Union. Monday, April 19 is the deadline to order lunch.

RUMMAGE SALE AT ST. PAUL'S COLUMBIA:

The youth group at St. Paul's Lutheran in Columbia is hosting a Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 24, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Funds raised will help support our youth group activities. Whether you would like to shop or donate items, we greatly appreciate your support. Any and all items are accepted, but please no computers, TVs or clothing. Drop off that Thursday, 4-8 p.m. or that Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at 227 Goodhaven, Columbia, Route 3 and Bottom Avenue across from Walgreens.

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

Spring Online Auction: Bidding for our online auction will start April 30. You can start “window shopping” the auction now at coslhs.betterworld.org. If you are interested in helping or donating an item, please contact the office. Item donations should be brought to school before April 15. We will not be actively soliciting donations from small businesses this year.

Facilities Manager: COS looking to employ a part-time facilities manager for less than 20 hours a week. The work schedule is somewhat flexible. If you are interested, please call the office for more details.

Band Instructor Wanted: Position available for part-time band instructor at COS starting in August 2021. Contact us for more details.

Registration for 2021-2022 is now open! If you have a student or know someone who will be high school age during the 2021-2022 school year, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High school. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a private tour. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org. Early registration ends March 31. The cost of attending COS can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service.

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.

Witness Slip for Illinois House Bill 1736 The R.E.A.C.H. Act
Mandatory Sex Education Kindergarten – 12th Grade

Illinois House Bill 1736 is back in committee for the third time. Now is the time to file a witness slip. The link provided below will take you directly to the witness slip. Please prayerfully consider filing the slip in **opposition** to this bill. This legislation would:

- mandate comprehensive sex education in public schools...grades K-12;
- promote and affirm LGBTQ+ “lifestyles” and behaviors;
- promote gender identities, at variance from biological gender;
- promote deviant sexual experimentation for students;
- promote abortion;
- promote use of contraceptives outside of marriage in religious schools; and
- discriminate against religious beliefs of students, parents and places of worship.

Instructions for filling out the Witness Slip for HB 1736

- At the “Identification Section” type in “self” for business/firm/agency/title
- At the “Representation Section” type in “self”
- At the “Position Section” check off “opponent”
- At the “Testimony Section” check off “Record of Appearance Only”
- At the bottom left check off “agree to terms”
- At the bottom right click the “Create Slip” button
- You will receive a confirmation email

<https://my.ilga.gov/WitnessSlip/Create/130418?committeeHearingId=18241&LegislationId=130418&LegislationDocumentId=169895&HCommittees4%2F19%2F2021-page=1&committeeid=0&chamber=H&nodays=7&=1618251072553>

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 Athletic Director – Justin Palm 214-1103 Secretaries - Julie Ratz & Jessica Schloemann
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 Junior Youth -- Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow 282-5343
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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Cindy Steele
 Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz; Aide – Patty Schnepel
 First Grade – Rachel Miller
 Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer
 Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy
 Fourth Grade – Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)
 Fifth Grade – Darlene Letcher
 Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel
 Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan
 Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6th-8th) – Justin Palm
 Resource Teacher – Lara Vause
 Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Ashley Brittingham, Megan Diercks, Jennifer Pfannebecker, Nicole Kadlec, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Johnston, Amy Williams, and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 Lectors: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Wade Waterstreet; (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Shamus Korves; (8 a.m.) Lilly Minemann; (10:30 a.m.) Colby Voss
 Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Irma Birkner and Sharon Koester Paraments: Irma Birkner

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **The 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)*

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) Non-Communion Service Continues Here:

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

COLLECT

Pastor: 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on 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: