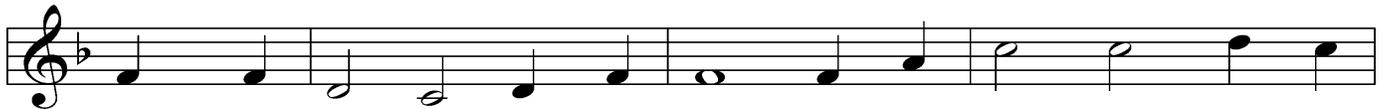


SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*St. John's Lutheran Church*February 20, 2022, 10:30 a.m. *Divine Service One, page 151ff.* **Red Bud, Illinois****PRELUDE:** "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" *arranged by Charles Callahan***THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.**OPENING HYMN: 848 "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"**

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
 4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
 veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
 Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

HOLY BAPTISM, page 268ff.**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:****P** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 37

Be still before the Lord **and wait patiently for Him.**

Trust in the Lord, and do good; **dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

Delight yourself in the Lord, **and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord; **trust in Him, and He will act.**

**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.**

Be still before the Lord **and wait patiently for Him.**

SONG OF PRAISE: "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

**Perfect submission—Christ on the cross, For my salvation He suffered loss,
 Gave up His life and gave up His throne, Purchased and won me, made me His own.**

refrain

Knowing forgiveness, now I'm at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;

Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, trusting His love.

refrain

**Vic-t'ry o'er Satan, death, and the grave, O what a joy to know that I'm saved!
Claiming no merit, works of my own, All glory, praise be to God alone! *refrain***

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** P: Let us pray.

C: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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 43:3-15

And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

Praise the LORD, all nations! **Extol Him, all peoples!**

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

bring an offering, and come into His courts!

THE EPISTLE READING:**1st Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42**

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

³⁰Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” ³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as He has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.*(please stand if able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** *(sung)*

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:**Luke 6:27-35**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Jesus said) “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic^[a] either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.”

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that

to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: 588 "Jesus Loves Me"

Je-sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi-ble tells me so.

Lit-tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.

(refrain) **Yes, Je-sus loves me ! Yes, Je-sus loves me! Yes, Je-sus loves me!**

The Bi-ble tells me so.

Je-sus loves me! He who died Heav'en's gates to o-pen wide.

He has washed a-way my sin, Lets His lit-tle child come in. (*refrain*)

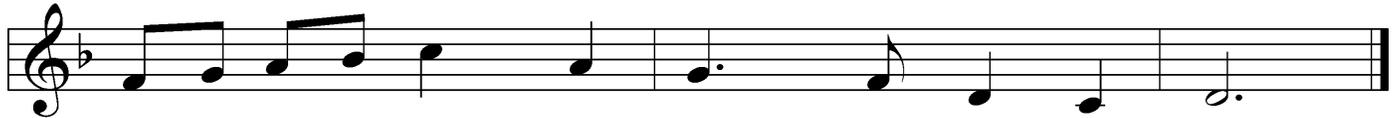
SONG OF THE DAY: 843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"



1 "For - give our sins - as we for - give,"
 2 How can Your par - don reach and bless
 3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
 The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
 And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owed to us, How great our debt to You!
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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SERMON: “Loving the Unlovable: Which Side Are We On?” Luke 6:27-35

SONG OF RESPONSE: 706 “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
 2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -
 3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
 mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
 ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.
 Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
 Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(please stand if you are able)*
(Each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: June Lawrence, Don Kueker, Barb Ladwig, Elroy Stellhorn, Ruth Hecht, Ken Williams, Kim Herriman, Randy Miller, Rhonda Schaefer, Marcy Watters, Roger Kozera, JoAnna Ellner, Joy Prigge; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Betty Deterding, Rev. Mark Willig, Tom Lewis, Susan Sochowski, Ava Kern, Darlene Jacobs. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Benjamin Boeder, 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

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, Kenny 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, Jason Palm, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow *(Please call our office with names)*
+the wedding of Julie Fleming and Jeff Moll here on Saturday, February 26

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

O Lord, Your servant Joseph endured hardship and struggle, yet believed it would come to good. Give us such a tested faith, and bring all things to completion according to Your purposes in Christ, the new Adam, who has brought hope to the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead all pastors, missionaries and church workers in faithful service to Your people with compassion and love. Bless every place where we hear Your Word and serve our neighbor in Christ's name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help all parents who have brought their children to Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism also to bring them to Him faithfully in the Divine Service, that He may continue to take them in His arms and bless them through His Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let Your love have its way with us, Lord. Lead us to expect no self-interested reward, but to love our enemies and serve those who are in need. Put an end to all bitterness and strife. Let forgiveness reign between each of us, even as Christ's blood covers our sins before Your heavenly throne. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold civil authority and those responsible to You for the welfare of our nation, state and community. Help them steadfastly to pursue the cause of justice and protect life from beginning to natural end. Guard all law enforcement officers, firefighters, first responders, and protect those who defend us here or abroad through their service in our nation's armed forces. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort all who suffer, deliver the sick according to Your will, and sustain by Your grace those troubled in body or soul *especially* do we remember June, Don, Barb, Elroy, Ruth, Ken, Kim, Randy, Rhonda, Marcy, Roger, JoAnna, Joy, Betty, Rev. Mark, Tom, Susan, Ava, Darlene and those we bring before You in the silence of our own hearts. We pray that You would bring an end to this Covid pandemic, especially granting healing to those who are ill, protection to those who remain healthy and strength to those who serve us during this time as healthcare workers. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with the dying and grant them peace at the last. Give Your comfort to those who grieve the loss of loved ones to physical death. Grant Your children patience and courage to endure every time of trial with hope in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of all love that is true and pure, we pray for Your blessing to be upon all married couples. As You will join Julie and Jeff in the union of holy marriage this coming Saturday, we pray that You will bless their wedding day with the joy of Your presence, and that You will fill their married life with Your goodness, granting them peace and prosperity, hope and joy, health and happiness and a shared faith and forgiveness in the name of Your Son, our Savior Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You will bring all things to completion according to Your order and time. When Christ comes and all the dead are raised, number us, we pray, among the saints in glory, clothing the perishable with the imperishable and bringing us into eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER, CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDECTION:

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

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

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “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)

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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POSTLUDE: “O Sing to God Above”

arranged by Rachel Chapin

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This Week With Our Lord, February 20-27, 2022

SUNDAY, February 20-

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and HS Youth classes at school

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible classes in Fellowship Hall and school library

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

Monday, February 21- No School! Office Closed

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

Tuesday, February 22-

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

1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Garden Place

6:00 p.m. Girls’ Volleyball home vs. Coulterville

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

Wednesday, February 23-

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 School Chapel in the new gym w/ Rev. Dan Ostlund

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grade Public School Confirmation (school)

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

Thursday, February 24-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)

1 p.m. Sight Ministries Center-Baldwin

4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball home vs. Rocher

Friday, February 25- *C Team Volleyball tourney here*

1:00 p.m. Geography Bee at school

6:00 p.m. Fleming/Moll wedding rehearsal at church

8:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at St. John-Chester tournament

Saturday, February 26-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. Julie Fleming/Jeff Moll wedding at church

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Landon Ruebusch

SUNDAY, February 27- *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Addelyn Rahn

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and HS Youth classes at school

9:30 a.m. Adult (FH & SL) Bible classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Landon Kilpatrick

TBD: Senior Youth Bowling outing

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 392; Communion: 115; Adult/Youth: 35; Sunday School: 35

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES: (9:30 to 10:15 a.m.)

High School Bible Class in Mr. Becker's classroom: "Right Now Media"

Adult Bible Class in the school library with Mr. Palm: "Being Lutheran"

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Nebel: "Jeremiah"

HOLY BAPTISMS:

+We welcome Chloe Judith Reinhardt into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the Saturday service. She is the daughter of Joshua and Emily (Edler) Reinhardt. Her baptismal sponsors are Brandy Koppel and Luke Edler. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

+We welcome Archer Dennis Mehring into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the late service on Sunday. He is the son of Timothy and Brooke (Hartmann) Mehring. His baptismal sponsors at Thomas Mehring, Daniel Mehring, Erica Mehring and Brittney Stines. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the baptism of Chloe Judith Reinhardt in Saturday's service. They are a gift from her great-grandmother Lorine Reinhardt. Thank you and God's blessings!

+To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Luke 6:30-31 – "Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus, and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE: We join together in the grace of giving. 2/13- General: \$16,648; School: \$255; Automatic Giving: \$6,220. *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)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Law and Gospel are the two reins of Jesus' teaching that express His care for who we are now and His conviction about the people we will become. Listen to "Like Riding a Bike" (Luke 6:20-49) with Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio on Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM.

ENVELOPES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2022 are in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up yours and those for your immediate family members. If you do not have a box but would like one, please call Leslie in our church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY:

1st grade: Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Maggie Kuehn; 2nd Grade: Cassidy Palm; 3rd Grade: Lucy Kuehn, Jackson Neff; 4th Grade: Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer, Jozlynn Palm; 6th Grade: Sydney Kassing, Molly Kuehn, Lillian Meyer; 8th Grade: Noah Kassing. Thank you for your dedication to and participation in our Sunday School ministry at St. John's!

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

Through the Big City Mission project, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod can show the love of Christ to all different kinds of people living in the inner city. Gifts and offerings to the Big City Mission project help kids and adults learn about how much Jesus loves them. By providing something simple like a lunch or backpack, those involved in urban ministry can build relationships that allow them to tell people about their Savior, Jesus!

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION FOR LIFE NETWORK:

There still are baby bottles available to hold your spare change over the next few weeks as a fundraiser for Life Network of Southern Illinois. Please turn them in at church (in the box) or at our church/school office by February 24. Thank you!

SENIOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER:

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. We are using an honor system for payment. A money box is next to the card display. We also have full boxes of greeting cards for sale. They cost \$30 for 30 cards and come with a lovely storage box.

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS:

St. John's Lutheran in Ruma and St. Peter's Lutheran in Evansville are hosting a series of presentations on the Bible featuring "Husband and Wife Couples of the Bible." On Sunday, February 20, join us at St. John's in Ruma at 2:30 p.m. The topic will be "Jacob, Leah and Rachel", presented by retired pastor Rev. John Lukomski. On Tuesday, February 22, join us at St. Peter in Evansville at 6 p.m. for "Zechariah and Elizabeth" presented by Pastor Mark Nebel of St. John's in Red Bud. Sunday, February 27, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 2:30 pm. The topic will be "Mary and Joseph", presented by Rev. Timothy Sims, St. John's Lutheran, Chester.

PTL DINNER AUCTION: Saturday, March 19, Hecker Community Center
Cost is \$35 per person in advance; Ticket/Donation forms are in the entryway!

BUILDING KEYS:

If you have a key to either the church or school buildings and no longer serve in the position for which you needed a key, please return it to our office as we are short of keys to use for those who now need them. 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 618/521-7417 or dvheller@htc.net. 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).

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Alice Smith, Jody Winkelmann; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Waterloo Cedarhurst- Elda Seders; Columbia Convalescent- David Burgdorf; Randolph County Nursing Home: Donald Kueker.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer/Neva Liefer, Vernon/Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Paul Schrieber, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin/Helen Winkelman

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Robert Burgdorf, Kathryn Chunn, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth/Geri Koester, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Harold Thies

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

2/20- Daniel Meier, Kaleb Matzenbacher, Nickolas Mehner; 2/21- Patricia Wagner, Adam Wild; 2/22- Darla Cowell, Sarah Wetzel; 2/23- Doug Sachtleben, Jennifer Falkenhain; 2/24- Charles Hartmann, Diana Becker, Scott Brown, Ava Kiefer; 2/25- Daniel Liefer, Brandon Mayberry, Ryan Stamm, Jordan Schneider, Megan (Mrs. Tyler) Henry, Amelia Guebert, Brynlee Liefer; 2/26- Mary Gross, Ella Hemmer, Robert Gross, Steven Burgdorf, Dylan Roscow. *Call the office with any corrections!*

HELP NEEDED:

Beginning April 7th we will need a part-time (4 hours a day) custodian at school to finish out the school year. Afternoon hours are preferred. Call our office at 282-3873 for more information.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**. This week on KFUO and kfuo.org: Study "Augsburg Confession Article VI: New Obedience" on Concord Matters (2/26 at 10:00 a.m.), worship with us in Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 a.m., and study Luke 10-11 on Sharper Iron's "The Beloved Physician's Orderly Account" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs live and on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

THANK YOU:

To the classes of 2021 and 2023: "Thank you so much for the memorial and necklace (Kate loves it and wears it daily). Thank you for your kindness and helping us remember Dale during this difficult time." *Family of Dale Krack*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: from Lutheran Bible Translators

Copies of the daily Bible readings for the year are on the tables in the entryway. February 20- John 6:41-59; February 21- John 6:60-71; February 22- John 7:1-13; February 23- John 7:14-31; February 24- John 7:32-53; February 25- John 8:1-20; February 26- John 8:21-38.

CREATION SPEAKER TO PRESENT ON GEOLOGICAL DATING:

How old is the earth? Is it many millions of years old, or only a few thousand years old? What does science indicate about the age of the earth, and how is this determined? Dr. Marcus Ross, a Young Earth Creationist, will give a presentation on "How to Date Like a Geologist" (An Overview of Geological Dating with Young-Earth Evidences) on Sunday, February 20 at 3 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah. Dr. Ross is an assistant professor of geology at Liberty University. He holds a PhD in geosciences from the University of Rhode Island. This presentation is free and open to the public. No tickets are

needed, and a free-will offering will be accepted. If you have struggled with questions about the age of the earth and challenges to a creationist viewpoint, come hear Dr. Ross at Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah on February 20. Zion Lutheran is at 101 S. Railway Street in Mascoutah.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SUBSTANCE ABUSE ALLIANCE EVENTS:

This Tuesday, February 22nd at the Red Bud Elementary School cafeteria there will be a “Hidden in Plain Sight” event for adult education on teenage drug trends. Then from 6:30 to 8 p.m. there will a Town Hall Meeting on Drug Misuse that will include a short presentation on the work of SISAA and prevention strategies. Community discussion will follow. For information contact Dennis Trask at 618/954-0552 or dtrask@comwell.us.

ISSUES, ETC.:

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on 2 Corinthians. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

The Lord Jesus Christ means to destroy all that threatens any human life (1 Corinthians 15:26). This absolutely includes those who participate in abortion. Almighty God finds their lives just as precious as the ones that were lost. His Fatherly love removes their transgressions just as far as ours (Psalm 103:12-13). What better way to bless them (Luke 6:27-31) than to speak of it courageously and compassionately?

SINGING SAINTS CHOIR CONCERT:

The choir of Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, Missouri will be in concert here at St. John’s on Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m. Hosts are needed! Please call Pastor Nebel if you can help with this. We are their first stop in week-long tour of the southeastern United States. This touring choir is made up of 46 students from the 60-voiced concert choir. They will perform a varied program that included classic works by J. S. Bach, Mendelssohn, Palestrina, and Tomas Tallis, as well as some traditional spirituals, hymns, and anthems, such as the famous “God So Loved the World” by Sir John Stainer, and “Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” arranged by Alice Parker. This award-winning choir is under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh. The concert is free, but donations are kindly requested to help cover expenses for their tour.

ELDER ZONES FOR 2022: (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- R/K Herriman- Elder Jeremy Stellhorn (618/910-9205)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Wil Krick (618/282-3660)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick to 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 Kalin Liefer (618/792-8277)

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

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

LCMS FOUNDATION:

It is important to regularly review beneficiary designations of financial assets. Your will gives instructions to give a 10% estate gift to your favorite ministry. Yet your beneficiary designations, which are followed independently of what is in your will, aim 95% of your net worth to your family. Things are out of balance. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott Radden, Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

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

Fish & More: This year's Fish & More will offer both dine-in and carry-out, Friday, March 4, serving from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Our FFA will be holding their "Helping Hands Auction" at 6:30 that evening. Support *COS* by enjoying a meal, support FFA by bidding on helpers!

Registration for 2022-2023 is now open! 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.

Scholarships Available: The cost of attending *COS* can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service. For more information, call *COS* or visit our website: www.coslhs.org.

School Visitors: Face coverings are required for entry into the school. The office is open Monday – Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

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

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Director of Christian Education and School Librarian – Mr. Bill Becker 282-2958

Secretaries – Mrs. Leslie Froemling and Mrs. Sara Shepherd

Senior Youth – Terry and Susie Harms 618-201-5654

Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 853-7300

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Cindy Steele
 Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz; Aide – Patty Schnepel
 First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer
 Third Grade and Junior Youth – Stephanie Valleroy
 Fourth Grade – Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)
 Fifth Grade – Darlene Letcher Resource Teacher – Lara Vause
 Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel
 Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan
 Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6th-8th) – Justin Palm
 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, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse
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 Lutheran High School Board: Christina Gidley and Kathy Valleroy

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Clyde and Kathy Rowold;
 (10:30 a.m.) Jim and Judy Guebert
 Acolyte: (5 p.m.) Emily Bowles; (8 a.m.) Eve Schwartzkopf; (10:30 a.m.) Milla Neff
 (10:30 a.m.) Instrumentalists: John Kellerhouse, Lindsey Hudak, Jonathan Hudak
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Linda Guebert and Chris Deien Paraments: Ella Hemmer