



***Fifth Sunday of Easter***  
***St. John's Lutheran Church***  
**Red Bud, Illinois May 15, 2022 10:30 a.m.**



PRELUDE: "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" arranged by Valerie Floeter

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

**OPENING SONG: 930 "All You Works of God" (stand for last stanza, sing "A-men.")**



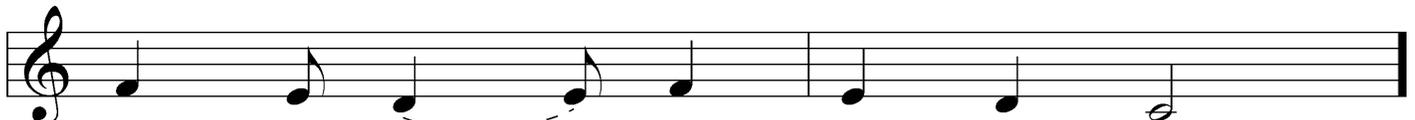
1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
 2 Sing, you sun and you moon a - bove,  
 3 Frost of win - ter with song so cold,  
 4 Hills and moun - tains, now sing His worth,



All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;  
 Stars of heav - en, now sing His love;  
 Dews of sum - mer, your song un - fold;  
 All you green things that grow on earth;

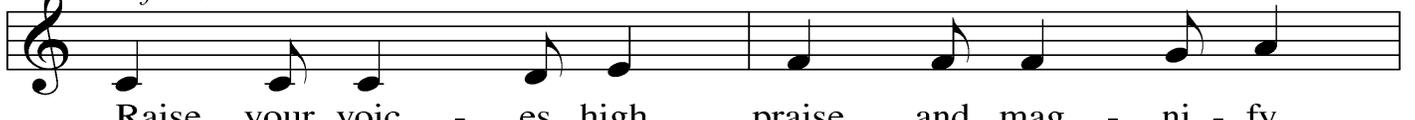


Come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,  
 Dew and show - ers, you winds that blow,  
 Light and dark - ness, you day and night,  
 Seas and riv - ers, you springs and wells,



Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:  
 Heat and fire, you ice and snow:  
 Clouds of thun - der, you light - nings bright:  
 Beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales:

*Refrain*



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,

All you works of God, bless the Lord!

Raise your voice - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,

All you works of God, bless the Lord!

5 Come, humanity, sing along, Sing, you people of God, a song; Priests and servants,  
your Lord now bless, Join, you spirits and souls at rest: *Refrain*

*Please stand if you are able*

6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart; All you humble, His praise impart;  
God the Father and Son adore, Bless the Spirit forevermore! *Refrain*

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### Holy Baptism (pages 268ff.)

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

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

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 98:1-6**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, **for He has done marvelous things!**

His right hand and His holy arm **have worked salvation for Him.**

The LORD made known His salvation; **His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

He remembered His love to Israel. **All have seen the salvation of our God.**

Make joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; **break forth into song and sing praises!**

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, **with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

With the sound of the horn **make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

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

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

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

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

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

*(Refrain)* **And assembled as one, in the name of the Son, Lifting hearts, lifting hands,**

**Celebrating as friends, And proclaiming the Lord,**

**All our praises afford. We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

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

P: Let us pray the Collect of the Day.

**C: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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)***

**ANTHEM: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

*School Students of Grades Kindergarten, One & Two*

**THE FIRST READING:****Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” But Peter began and explained it to them in order: “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven.

And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave the same gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

P: 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 SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1–7**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And He who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also He said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give

from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be His God and he will be My son.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if you are able)* **“Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord”**

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

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

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

**Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!** Text: Public domain

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**John 16:12-22**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Jesus said) “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.” So some of His disciples said to one another, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does He mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.”

Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(please be seated)* **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”**

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

**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.**

**Lord, I lift Your name on high, Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

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**SONG OF THE DAY: 700 “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”**



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



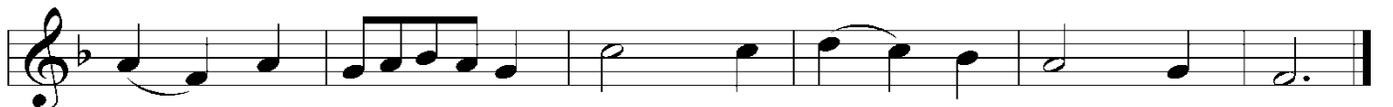
hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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**SERMON: “God Grants Gifts to Gentiles (Like Us!)” Acts 11:1-18**

**SONG OF RESPONSE: 653 “In Christ There Is No East or West”**



1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
 2 With God there is no tribe or race;  
 3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name  
 4 Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -  
 In Him we all are one. He loves us as His  
 Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,  
 What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther  
 In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
 chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.  
 hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!  
 as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

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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:** Barb Ladwig, Mary Schultz, Elroy Stellhorn, Ruth Hecht, Janel Kassing, Peggy Hanebutt, Wil Krick, Cindy Stellhorn, Ken Williams, Kim Herriman, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Betty Deterding, Rev. Mark Willig, Tom Lewis, Susan Sochowski, Ava Kern, Linda Kaaz, Stephanie Reinhardt, Gerald Stellhorn, Wade Koester. *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; National Guard: Jeremiah Brandt

**EMERGENCY PERSONNEL:** Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Jason Palm, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow, Aaron Runge *(Please call our office with names.)*

- +favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields this week
- +thanks for the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of John & Norma Preston on May 19
- +our Divine Call to Stephen Woolery to be 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher
- +those suffering from violence and aggression in the nation of Ukraine

*The Rite of Confirmation* (pages 272ff.) (*please be seated*)

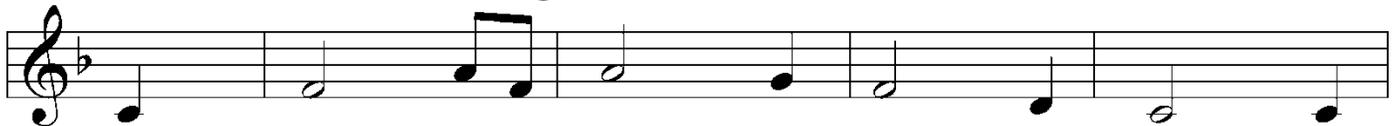
**CLOSING PRAYER, BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:** (*please stand*)

P: Let us pray. 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 the 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.      **C: Amen.**

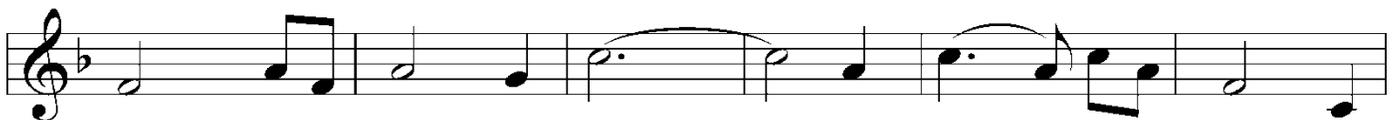
P: Let us bless the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**CLOSING HYMN: 744 “Amazing Grace”**



1	A - maz - ing	grace—	how sweet	the sound—	That
2	The Lord	has prom - ised	good	to me,	His
3	Through man - y	dan - gers,	toils,	and snares	I
4	Yes, when	this flesh	and heart	shall fail	And
5	When we've	been there	ten thou - sand	years,	Bright



saved	a wretch	like me!	I once	was lost	but
Word	my hope	se - cures;	He will	my shield	and
have	al - read - y	come;	His grace	has brought	me
mor - tal	life shall	cease,	A - maz - ing	grace shall	
shin - ing	as the	sun,	We've no	less days	to



now	am found,	Was blind	but now	I see!	
por - tion	be	As long	as life	en - dures.	
safe	thus far,	His grace	will lead	me home.	
then	pre - vail	In heav - en's	joy	and peace.	
sing	God's praise	Than when	we'd first	be - gun.	

**POSTLUDE: “All Creatures of Our God and King”***arranged by Michael Larkin**Instrumentalists: Brandon Nehrt, John Kellerhouse, Lindsey and Jonathan Hudak*

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***This Week With Our Lord, May 15-22, 2022*****SUNDAY, May 15-**

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 (FH &amp; SL) Bible classes

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

**Monday, May 16-** *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Concordia Seminary*

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

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

**Tuesday, May 17-**

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Dutch Treat Night at the Uptown B&amp;G

**Wednesday, May 18-**

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service in the new gym

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

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1<sup>st</sup> Kings)**Thursday, May 19-** *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Perry Co. MO*

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

**Friday, May 20-**

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in the new gym

**Saturday, May 21-**

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Ty Voss

**SUNDAY, May 22-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Olivia Valleroy

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Kendall Crafton

Noon Mrs. Schneider’s Retirement Dinner/Program in our school’s old gym

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:** *Thank you and God’s blessings!*

+Flowers on the pedestal are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John & Norma Preston which they will celebrate May 19th.

+Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the holy baptism of Tripp Clifford Fleming. They are a gift from Julie and Jeff Moll.

+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.

**SINGING IN WORSHIP:**

Students in grades Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> will sing “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” in the 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday, May 15.

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

Worship: 394; Communion: 182; Adult/Youth: 33; Sunday School: 36

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 5/8- General: \$14,997.17; School: \$230; Debt: \$100. *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:**

To make sense of a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle, one needs to know "the big picture." The Bible is like that, too. Listen to “What the Bible Is About” (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:3-5) with Speaker 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.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources**

Revelation 21:1 – “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.” The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, which have been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use “unrighteous mammon” for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?

**HOLY BAPTISM:**

We welcome Tripp Clifford Fleming into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in Sunday’s late service. He is the son of Jarrett Fleming and Logan Stirnaman. His baptismal sponsors are Griffin Ziebold and Mckenna Krebel. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

**WECLOME NEW MEMBER:**

We welcome Jeffrey Moll into communicant membership at St. John’s through the Rite of Confirmation in Sunday’s late service. His wife is Julie (Stellhorn/Fleming) Moll. Please greet him warmly as a new member to our family of faith.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL:**

Pre-Kindergarten: Addy Moll; First Grade: Avery Moll, Elsie Liefer, Liza Wagner; Third Grade: Holden Wagner; Fourth Grade: Payton Liefer; Sixth Grade: Norah Wagner. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

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

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

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Nebel: “Minor Prophets”

High School Bible Class in Mr. Becker’s classroom: “Right Now Media”

**DIVINE CALL EXTENDED:**

At our quarterly Voters Assembly meeting on April 27, St. John's extended a Divine Call to Stephen Woolery of Valley Lutheran School in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to be our next 8<sup>th</sup> Grade homeroom teacher and upper grades math and science instructor. Please remember his consideration of this call in your prayers.

**SENIOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER:**

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. A money box for payment (honor system) 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

+Red Bud High School Prom Court included St. John's members Queen Molly Ellner, Maggie DuFrenne, Madison Pensoneau and Junior attendant Aubrey Piel! King Nick Fehr is an alumnus of St. John's Elementary School.

+Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher Nancy Whelan was chosen VFW District 14 National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year for the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades.

**EVENING GUILD GATHERING:**

Dutch Treat Night: Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Uptown Bar & Grill. We look forward to seeing all of you before our summer break. Join us for dinner, a short business meeting, devotions, and fellowship.

**OUR ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT:**

St. John's school athletes, families and coaches will gather in the old gym on Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. for our annual Sports Awards Night. Each family attending please bring a dessert to share for the evening. Thank you!

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION:**

We will hold the retirement celebration for our school principal Mrs. Deitt Schneider on Sunday, May 22 with a dinner and program in the school's old gym beginning at noon. If you are not able to attend, your card of congratulations can be sent to school.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Tues., May 24, 7 p.m. Graduation; Thurs., May 26, 7 p.m. Ascension Communion

**JUNIOR YOUTH EVENT:**

Junior Youth (grades 4-8) will go to SkyZone in Fairview Heights on Saturday, May 28th. Time is TBD, but we are planning 10 a.m.-12 p.m. We will attend a 2-hour open jump session. Tickets plus socks and tax will be approximately \$33 per jumper. Chaperones are needed to drive and may participate in the jump if they wish with purchase of their own ticket. Siblings are welcome to attend as well with a ticket purchase. Please contact Stephanie Valleroy if your child can attend and/or you can drive and chaperone.

**TABLES AND CHAIRS NEED TO BE RETURNED!:**

Those who have borrowed tables and chairs from St. John's, they need to be returned this week. We will need them for our retirement celebration next Sunday!

**PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS:**

Kindergarten Registration is <https://forms.gle/XzTLYhhTWB8Uy6KU7>. The web address for Preschool Registration is <https://forms.gle/CrPsj1hnshM6Y74M9>.

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES:**

Please contact our office (282-2394) with the name of any St. John's members who are graduating from any level of education this year (other than our own 8<sup>th</sup> graders) so that we can acknowledge their achievement in our graduation worship folder, weekend worship bulletin and June edition of *The Epistle*.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Vacation Bible School will be June 13-17, 9-11 a.m. at church. Children who have finished 3-yr-old Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may attend.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

5/14- Eugene Stamm, Becky Moeller, Christa Brundage, Marcy Watters; 5/15- JoAnn Kunkel, Erin Hewitt, Avery Piel; 5/16- Samantha Lee; 5/17- Kimberly Valentine, Madison Pensoneau, Carson Bowles; 5/18- Stacia Clifford, Wyatt Clifford; 5/19- Joyce Mesnarich, Candance Horrell, Julia Tribo; 5/20- Bob Turner, Dylan Minemann; 5/21- Denis vanBuren, John Tepe, Kevin Florreich, Trenton Wagner, Paxton Hoffman. *Call with corrections!*

**CARDS WELCOMED:**

Mary Schultz, wife of late Pastor Donald Schultz, fell and broke her leg on Easter Sunday. She is recuperating at her daughter's house. You may send her a card at: Mary Schultz, c/o The Denholms, 4554 Hackberry Drive, Columbus, IN 47201

**LCMS FOUNDATION:**

Faithful stewardship of your estate means keeping up with changes in the world and in your personal life and making sure that your plans are up to date. Laws can change over time. You also may have moved from one state to another since the last time you created a plan. Powers you grant through a Power of Attorney document may be different now than fifteen years ago. Your attorney needs to review your plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can get you ready for that visit by getting you organized and documenting your current situation and wishes. Contact Gift Planning Counselor Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org) for more information.

**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](mailto: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 and Jean Menke; 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, Norma Vogt, Arlin/Helen Winkelman

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

Robert Burgdorf, Kathryn Chunn, Wil Guebert, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth/Geri Koester, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttman, Edna Moeller, Viola Muench, Harold Thies

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUO Radio AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org), a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://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](http://kfuo.org): Study Acts 8-10 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), join us for Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m., study 1<sup>st</sup> John 5 through Jude on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and dig into Augsburg Confession Article XVII: Christ's Return for Judgment on Concord Matters (5/21 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

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

Don't abortion and physician-assisted suicide call common—or worse—what God the Lord has made precious (Acts 11:9)? And should the transitory sorrows of surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis blind us to the joy and hope He has invested in every human being (John 16:21)? May our witness to the sanctity of all human lives begin to wipe away the tears from all eyes (Revelation 21:4) with the Gospel of Christ's salvation!

**GOLF OUTINGS:**

+Wayne Collmeyer Memorial Golf Classic to benefit Camp Wartburg on Monday, May 23 at 1 p.m. at Acorns Golf Links. The cost is \$100 per golfer. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 through \$1000. Contact Theresa at 618/939-7715 (ext. 11) or [theresa\\_thorburg@LCFS.org](mailto:theresa_thorburg@LCFS.org).

+Bob Streuter Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the SID Student Aid Endowment Fund on Saturday, June 11, at 8:30 a.m. at Roland Barkau Golf Course in Okawville. Sponsorships are available for \$50 through \$1000. Let Pastor Nebel know if you would like to be part of a St. John's team

**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: Why the Public Square Needs Christianity, The Natural Family, The Ascension of Christ, The Hippocratic Oath, The Lord's Supper, Planned Parenthood and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

*Lower Your Blood Pressure Numbers with Food:* Foods high in potassium and magnesium can help lower your blood pressure levels. Tomatoes and tomato products are rich in potassium and lycopene, which has heart health benefits. Consuming tomatoes and tomato products improves blood pressure and may help reduce the risk of heart disease.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS:** *from Lutheran Bible Translators*

Daily Bible readings for the year are on the tables in the entryway. May 15- Luke 11:37-54; May 16- Luke 12:1-12; May 17- Luke 12:13-34; May 18- Luke 12:35-53; May 19- Luke 12:54-13:17; May 20- Luke 13:18-35; May 21- Luke 14:1-24.

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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 and Junior Youth – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade – Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)

Fifth Grade – Darlene Letcher Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – 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, 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, Brittany Smith 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: (*Sat.*) Pastor Brian Nowak; (*Sun.*) Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (*8 a.m.*) Kalin and Kathy Liefer (*10:30 a.m.*) Cindy Ebers

Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Annika Herriman; (*8 a.m.*) Sage Pensoneau; (*10:30 a.m.*) Norah Wagner

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

Flower Servers: Martha Rohlfing and Ruth Rohlfing Paraments: Virginia Moeller