



Sixth Sunday of Easter
St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois May 21-22, 2022



PRELUDE: "Our Paschal Lamb That Sets Us Free" by *Walter E. Pelz*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 465 "Now All the Vault" (please stand for the last stanza, sing "A-men.")



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" Al - le -
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Al - le -
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Divine Service Four (pages 203ff.)**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** (*please stand if you are able*)

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

P: 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, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), 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 55

Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sus- | tain you;*

He will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

My heart is in anguish with- | in me;* the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.

But I | call to God,* and the LORD will | save me.

I utter my com- | plaint and moan,* and He | hears my voice.

He redeems my soul from the battle | that I wage, for many are arrayed a- | gainst me.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spir-it;

as it was in the be- | gin-ning, is now, and will be forever. | A-men.

KYRIE: (*sung*) Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord have mer-cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: page 204

To God on high be glo-ry And peace to all the earth; Good-will from God in heav-en

**Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father, Your ho-ly name we sing—
 Our thanks for Your great glo-ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 To You, O sole-be-got-ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Sav-ior,
 You take our sins a-way. Have mer-cy on us, Je-sus; Re-ceive our heart-felt cry,
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 For You a-lone are ho-ly; You on-ly are the Lord. For-ev-er and for-ev-er,
 Be wor-shiped and a-dored; You with the Ho-ly Spir-it A-lone are Lord Most High,
 In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.**

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, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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)*

(10:30 a.m.) ANTHEM: "He Won the Fight" (arranged by Roland Tabeil) Choir

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 16:9–15

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

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

THE GRADUAL:

Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: He has put all things under His feet.

THE SECOND READING:

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 205

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:

John 16:23-33

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

Jesus said, “In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer

speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. *In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.*”

His disciples said, “Ah, now You are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.) Nicene Creed (page 206)

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)*

(8 a.m.) Apostles' Creed (page 207)

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*)

(8 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:** (*LSB 770*)

**What a friend we have in Je-sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a priv-i-lege to car-ry Ev-‘ry-thing to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we of-ten for-feit: Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
All be-cause we do not car-ry Ev-‘ry-thing to God in prayer!**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 473 “Our Paschal Lamb That Sets Us Free”

SERMON: “Jesus Returns to the Father From Whom He Has Come” John 16:26-28

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*please stand if you are able*)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Barb Ladwig, Mary Schultz, Elroy Stellhorn, Ruth Hecht, Janel Kassing, Peggy Hanebutt, Diane Stenzel, 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, Max Schrader. *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.*)

+thanksgiving for the years of teaching: Deitt Schneider and Darlene Letcher

+favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields this week

+thanksgiving for and blessings to those graduating from our area schools

+our Divine Call to Stephen Woolery to be 8th grade homeroom teacher

+those suffering from violence and aggression in the nation of Ukraine

(8 a.m. service concludes 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.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that by 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. **People: Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION: page 212

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. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: 790 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - mighty - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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POSTLUDE: "Dance"

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(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

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. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

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

P Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth a-dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;

Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death into the promised land of life eternal. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

The Words of Our Lord and The Pax Domini

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

1 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;

O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;

Have mer-cy on us, Je- sus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

(10:30 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** "This Do in Remembrance of Me" (by Judy Hunnicutt) *Choir*

769 "Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ"



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
 3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;
 Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—
 Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
 Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
 Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



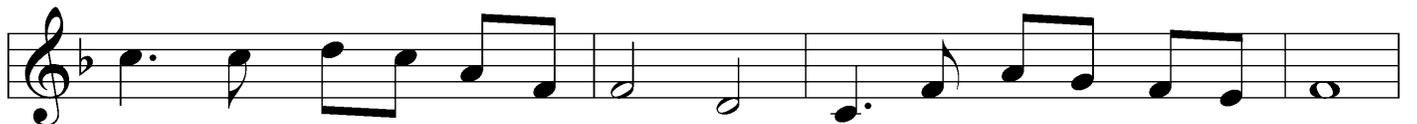
And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.
 Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
 My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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773 “Hear Us, Father, When We Pray”



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and
 2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed
 3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on
 4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey
 souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,
 Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:
 sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,
 Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;
 Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;
 To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.
 By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.
 Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.
 May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” page 211 (*please stand*)

O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-part in heav'n-ly peace,

For I have seen the glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing grace:

A light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-to Your ho-ly hill,

The glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.

All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All glo-ry to the Son,

**All glo-ry to the Spir-it, For-ev-er Three in One;
For as in the be-gin-ning, Is now, shall ev-er be,
God's tri-une name re-sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.**

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; ; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

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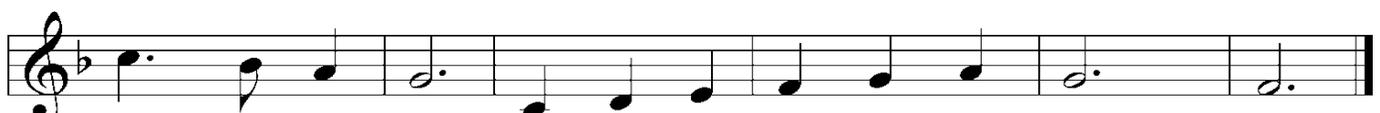
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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This Week With Our Lord, May 22-29, 2022

SUNDAY, May 22-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

Monday, May 23- *Last Day of the school year!*

8:30 a.m. Closing School Service in the new gym; 11 a.m. Final dismissal

1:30 p.m. Office Staff meeting

Tuesday, May 24-

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

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

7:00 p.m. Graduation Service in the church sanctuary

Wednesday, May 25-

8:00 a.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

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

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

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Kings)

Thursday, May 26-

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

8:00 a.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin

7:00 p.m. Ascension Day Holy Communion Service

Friday, May 27-

8:00 a.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

Saturday, May 28-

10 a.m. to noon Junior Youth Outing to SkyZone in Fairview Heights

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Ava Clifford

SUNDAY, May 29-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Jackson Mueth

9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Bible Class for all ages in the Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Kinley Macbeth

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

+The flowers on the altar this weekend are given to the glory of God by Jonathan, Krissy, Hudson, and Annley Schneider in honor of Mrs. Deitt Schneider's 46 years of Lutheran teaching and serving 29 years as Principal of St. John's Lutheran School. We love you, Mom and Grandma!

+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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 301; Communion: 93; Adult/Youth: 35; Sunday School: 33

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 5/15- General: \$16,955; School: \$445; Debt: \$75; Automatic Giving: \$5,220. *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.*" (Mal. 3:10)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Dr. Michael Zeigler outlines five principles to help us better hear what Scripture is saying. Listen to "What Is the Bible For?" (1st Timothy 4:13) with Speaker 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*

Acts 16:9 – "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'" God does all the saving of the Macedonians, but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul who was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

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"

UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:

Tuesday, May 24, 7 p.m. is our 8th Grade Graduation; Thursday, May 26, 7 p.m. is our Ascension Day Holy Communion Service

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 8th Grade homeroom teacher and upper grades math and science instructor. Please remember his consideration of this call in your prayers.

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 5th grade are invited to attend.

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 Seniors and St. John's members Maggie DuFrenne (Service) and Hannah Sievers (Citizenship) were honored at the high school's May 9th Awards Night. Hannah also competed in the May 19th state track meet at Eastern Illinois University in the shot put.

+Our 7th grade students Blayton Sutton (long jump), Eve Schwartzkopf (100 meter dash), and Julia Whelan (100 and 200 meter dashes) competed in the Lutheran State Track Meet in Chicago on May 21.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION:

We will hold the retirement celebration for our school principal Mrs. Deitt Schneider this 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.

JUNIOR YOUTH EVENT:

Junior Youth (grades 4-8) will go to SkyZone in Fairview Heights on Saturday, May 28th. 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.

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 St. John's members who are graduating from any level of education this year (other than our own 8th graders) so that we can acknowledge their achievement in our graduation worship folder, weekend worship bulletin and June edition of *The Epistle*.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

5/22- Sandra Mueth, Janet Papenberg, Kent Liefer; 5/23- Brendan Harms, Ellesandria Sutton, Henry Schnepel; 5/24- Cash Grohmann; 5/26- Grayden Schloemann; 5/27- Jean Menke, Quentin Stenzel; 5/28- Craig Crafton, Lucas Quintin, Karlyn Meier. *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

GOLF OUTING:

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

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. Tax laws change constantly as different political parties move in and out of power. Thirty years ago, your estate might have had to pay federal estate tax if it was valued over \$600,000. Today that number is \$12 Million. Five years ago, you could bequest your IRA to family over their lifetime. Today they must cash it out in ten years. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin to identify areas where taxes and your plan don't line up. Contact Scott A. Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or 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. 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 & kfu.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & kfu.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfu.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, **Twitter**,

and **Instagram**. This week on KFUE and kfuo.org: Begin studying Genesis on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), dig into Augsburg Confession Article XVIII: Free Will on Concord Matters (5/28 at 10:00 a.m.), and study Acts 10-12 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

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

Will euthanasia “let the peoples praise you, O God”? Does embryo experimentation “let all the peoples praise you” (Psalm 67:3)? If the heavenly city’s structures have the brilliance of gemstones (Revelation 21), what inestimable value resides in the human bodies whom the Lamb has written into His book of life by creating, redeeming, and calling them each? Our witness to the sanctity of life may bring tribulation, but His grace alone has overcome it already (John 16:33).

ISSUES, ETC.:

REVELATION BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on The Book of Revelation. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.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. Raw carrots contain compounds that help relax blood vessels and reduce inflammation, which may help lower blood pressure levels.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

+Joan Voges offers us music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection for a donation to our school ministry. Copies are on a table in the Fellowship Hall.

+Former St. John’s member Bryan Perdue has CD music available on the table in the Fellowship Hall for a \$10 donation to St. John’s debt reduction.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: *from Lutheran Bible Translators*

Daily Bible readings for the year are on the tables in the entryway. May 22- Luke 14:25-15:10; May 23- Luke 15:11-32; May 24- Luke 16:1-18; May 25- Luke 16:19-31; May 26- Luke 17:1-19; May 27- Luke 17:20-37; May 28- Luke 18:1-17.

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

Congratulations 2022 Graduates! May God bless you as you start the next chapters of your lives.

COS Annual Rummage Sale will be July 15 & 16. Clean, saleable items may be brought to school during business hours starting June 13. If you need help transporting your donation to school, please call our office.

Like to help plan events? Join us as we begin planning for next fall’s Dinner Auction, May 16 at 4:00 p.m. If you are not able to make the meeting, call the office (618-853-7300) to volunteer.

Registration for 2022-2023 is open! If you have a student or know someone who will be high school age during the 2022-2023 school year, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior LHS. 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. The cost to attend can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service.

School Visitors: 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, 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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Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Brian Guebert

Lutheran High School Board: Christina Gidley and Kathy Valleroy

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele;

(10:30 a.m.) Ken and Karen Wetzel

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Ty Voss; (8 a.m.) Olivia Valleroy; (10:30 a.m.) Kendall Crafton

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

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