

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 28-29, 2022

St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois

PRELUDE: "God Bless Our Native Land" *arranged by Sondra K. Tucker*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 965 "God Bless Our Native Land"

(please stand and face the cross)

**God bless our na-tive land; Firm may she ev-er stand Through storm and night.
 When the wild tem-pests rave, Rul-er of wind and wave,
 Do Thou our coun-try save By Thy great might.**

**So shall our prayers a-rise To God a-bove the skies; On Him we wait.
 Thou who are ev-er nigh, Guard-ing with watch-ful eye,
 To Thee a-loud we cry: God save the state!**

Procession of Cross and Flags

Our Pledge to the American Flag: *(spoken in unison)*

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Our Pledge to the Christian Flag: *(spoken in unison)*

I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, King eternal, with mercy and grace for all. So help me God.

Divine Service Four (pages 203ff.)

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, (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 61

Hear my cry, | O God, listen | to my prayer;
 for You have been my | re-fuge, a strong tower against the | en-e-my.
 For You, O God, have | heard my vows;
 You give me the heritage of those who | fear Your name.
 Prolong the life | of the king; may his years endure to all gener- | a-tions!
 May he be enthroned forever be- | fore God; appoint faithfulness to watch | over him!
 So will I ever sing praises | to Your name, as I perform my vows day | aft-er day.
 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: (page 204) (*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 King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us
 not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the
 Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Amen. (*please be seated*)

THE FIRST READING:**Acts 1:12–26**

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near
 Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the
 upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and
 Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and
 Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer,

together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, ‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection.”

And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

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

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

C: He has put all things under His feet.

THE SECOND READING:

Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show His servants what must soon take place.”

“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing My recompense with Me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the

end.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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 17:20-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus said: “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. The glory that you have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent Me. I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed *(inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Saturday) **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*)

(*Sunday*) 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*)

(*please be seated*) (*Saturday*) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:

When I go to Jesus, He will hear me pray, Make me pure and holy, Take my sins away.
Oh, how good is Jesus! May He hold my hand And at last receive me To a better land.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 481 "Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom"

Scat-ter the dark-ness, break the gloom; Sun, re-veal an emp-ty tomb
Shin-ing with joy for all our sor-rows, Hope and peace for all to-mor-rows,
Life un-e-clipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has ris-en from the dead!

Bear-ing the stan-dard from on high As the Lamb of God to die;
He who for us, so cruel-ly treat-ed, Lives a-gain—our foes de-feat-ed!
Where is your sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!

Ban-ners of tri-umph, be un-furled! Trum-pets, sound through-out the world!
Cry-ing and sighs, give way to sing-ing: Life from death, our Lord is bring-ing!
Let there be-gin the ju-bi-lee—Christ has gained the vic-tor-ry!

SERMON: “What Is Your Life Plan?” John 17:20-26

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, Wil Krick, Cindy Stellhorn, Ken Williams, Kim Herriman, Marcy Watters, Karen Liefer, Zac Carnahan; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Betty Deterding, Rev. Mark Willig, Susan Sochowski, Ava Kern, Linda Kaaz, Stephanie Reinhardt, Gerald Stellhorn. *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.)*

+honor the sacrifice of those who gave of their lives in service to our nation

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

+the wedding of Meghan Mollet and Brandyn Fadler this Saturday

+sympathy to those suffering from the school shooting in Texas on Tuesday

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

The Saturday 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

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CLOSING HYMN: “Prayer for Memorial Day” (*tune: LSB 503 “O Day Full of Grace”*)

To-day, far and wide, our na-tion’s pride – The youth from both town and coun-try –
Are sum-moned to go and face the foes Of life, dig-ni-ty and free-dom.
God, arm them, we pray, each fear al-lay With trust in You as their Sav-ior.

O Sav-ior and Lord, with one ac-cord, We pray for our na-tion’s war-riors.

Like the vet’-rans of past, Lord, may they cast Their fate on Your grace and fa-vor.

A-mong those op-pressed, their ser-vice bless, Ac-know-ledge them as Your ser-vants.

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(*Sunday*) **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*)

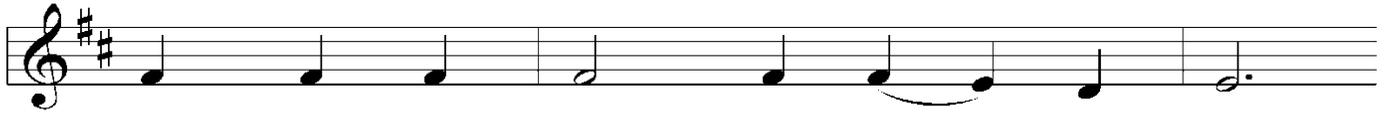
464 "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

Refrain

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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.
 The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.
 From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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475 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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479 “Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living” (*tune: LSB 477*)

**Christ is ris-en, Christ is liv-ing, Dry your tears, be un-a-fraid!
 Death and dark-ness could not hold Him, Nor the tomb in which He lay.
 Do not look a-mong the dead for One who lives for-ev-er-more;
 Tell the world that Christ is ris-en, Make it known He goes be-fore.**

**If the Lord had nev-er ris-en, We’d have no-thing to be-lieve.
 But His prom-ise can be trust-ed: “You will live, be-cause I live.”
 As we share the death of Ad-am, So in Christ we live a-gain;
 Death has lost its sting and ter-ror, Christ the Lord has come to reign.**

**Death has lost its old do-min-ion, Let the world re-joice and shout!
 Christ, the first-born of the liv-ing, Gives us life and leads us out.
 Let us thank our God, who causes Hope to spring up from the ground;
 Christ is ris-en, Christ is giv-ing Life e-ter-nal, life pro-found.**

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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Are sum-moned to go and face the foes Of life, dig-ni-ty and free-dom.
God, arm them, we pray, each fear al-lay With trust in You as their Sav-ior.**

**O Sav-ior and Lord, with one ac-cord, We pray for our na-tion’s war-riors.
Like the vet’-rans of past, Lord, may they cast Their fate on Your grace and fa-vor.
A-mong those op-pressed, their ser-vice bless, Ac-know-ledge them as Your ser-vants.**

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POSTLUDE: “Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom” *arranged by Steven Wentz*

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This Week With Our Lord, May 29-June 5, 2022

SUNDAY, May 29-

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

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

Monday, May 30- Memorial Day! Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31- Lindsey Hudak on vacation through Thursday

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

Wednesday, June 1-

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

No evening Bible class today!

Thursday, June 2-

8:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (Matthew)

6:00 p.m. Mollet/Fadler wedding rehearsal

Saturday, June 4-

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)

3:00 p.m. Meghan Mollet and Brandyn Fadler wedding

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Case Hess

SUNDAY, June 5- The Day of Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Emily Bowles

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Minor Prophets)

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School in the new gym lobby w/ Mr. Becker

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Addyson Piel

11:00 a.m. Senior Youth Fundraising BBQ in the school parking lot

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 398; Communion: 204; Adult/Youth: 44; Sunday School: 25

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL: *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.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 5/22- General: \$11,344.20; School: \$270 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)

EPISTLES:

The June edition of our congregation's monthly newsletter, *The Epistle*, is in paper copy on the tables in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been sent by email to those for whom Pastor has an address.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

June/July office staff hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Dr. Dean Nadasdy reflects on five images from the Book of Revelation and shows how God's Word plus faith and imagination equals hope. Listen to "Imagine That!" (Revelation 22:1-7) with Guest Speaker Dr. Nadasdy on KFUD 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 1:16 – "Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus." Judas sold out our Lord for 30 pieces of silver. That is, he sold out his friend, Master, and teacher for the sake of greed. That is a sharp reminder for us to search our own hearts for greed and to pray that the Lord would help us to turn away from greed before it consumes us.

CHURCH WEEK FROM RURAL KING:

Thank you to all those who submitted receipts from Rural King (Waterloo) during its church week (April 7-20). St. John's received \$510.14 this time.

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. This is the link for registration: <https://vbsmate.com/events/StJohnsRedBudIL/24698>

SENIOR YOUTH FUNDRAISERS:

+Our Senior Youth will hold a fundraising BBQ next Sunday, June 5 from 11 a.m. to ??? in our school parking lot.

+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:

St. John's member and Red Bud High School recent graduate Katie Schneider was chosen Student of the Month for May. St. John's member Hannah Sievers was awarded Student of the Year. This is a program of the Red Bud Lions Club.

CARDS WELCOMED:

Mary Schultz, wife of late Pastor Donald Schultz, fell and broke her leg on Easter. 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

5/29- Paige Liefer; 5/30- Anne Sievers, Daniel Hemmer, Ryan Langrehr, Alex Wild, Tanner VanDorn, Alexcis Drafton; 5/31- Lucille VanHoy, Ryan Muench; 6/1- Cindy Nebel, Amy Sutton, Tiffany Stellhorn, Courtney Pollard; 6/2- Jennifer Jeffries, Matthew Liefer; 6/3- Fern Schnepel; 6/4- Darleen Scheffert, Brian Hartmann, Mark Langrehr, Levi Nagel. *Call with corrections!*

THANK YOU:

Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for the wonderful Retirement dinner and celebration you gave me last Sunday. I was overwhelmed and felt loved and honored. My years here at St. John's Lutheran has been a blessing to me and I thank God that I was placed here to serve in my ministry. Throughout these many years I have enjoyed watching the children grow to become successful adults and it was a joy to teach the children of my former students. I praise and thank God for all of you, the members and children of St. John's Lutheran Church and School. May God continue to bless you all. I will cherish my memories and hold you in my heart as dear friends. With love and thankfulness

Thank you also for the generous gift given to me for my retirement. I thank and praise God for all of you and the love and support you have given me throughout my years. It has been a pleasure working with the students, parents, faculty and staff, Board for Parish Education, Church Council and pastors, all have been a blessing to me. The love and support will always be cherished in my heart. To God be all Praise and Glory! Your servant in Christ,
Deitt Schneider

ANOTHER THANK YOU:

Dear Members of St. John's, It is hard to put into words my feelings and emotions these last few weeks. Humbled is first and foremost. The love and support shown to me these past 17 years sure came to reality in the last few days. As I told the school kids on Monday, I have always been a firm believer that God puts you where you need to be. I am so very grateful that He brought me to St. John's. Thank you, thank you, to the people who made it possible for me to continue doing what I love—teaching. You know who you are. Thank you for the generous gifts I received from all of you—the congregation, the school family, and the faculty and staff. It was so unexpected! I just wanted to retire quietly, but evidently that was not an option! I'm blessed to live in a beautiful, tight-knit little town and I take comfort in the fact I know I'll still see most of you quite frequently out and about. I will cherish the 17 years of memories forever in my heart. You all are truly God's gift to me! God's peace, *Darlene Letcher*

AND ANOTHER THANK YOU:

"Thank you to Mark Vogt for cutting off the trunk of the tree that fell down by the softball field at school. We appreciate your time and work!" *Trustees*

AND AGAIN ANOTHER THANK YOU:

"Thank you for participating in the Baby Bottle Project. We received from St. John's \$739.37! We appreciate every dollard that you donated. It all makes a difference in our clients' lives. *Board of Directors and staff of Life Network*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: *from Lutheran Bible Translators*

Daily Bible readings for the year are on the tables in the entryway. May 29- Luke 18:18-34; May 30- Luke 18:35-19:10; May 31- Luke 19:11-28; June 1- Luke 19:29-48; June 2- Luke 20:1-18; June 3- Luke 20:19-44; June 4- Luke 20:45-21:19.

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS:

Kindergarten Registration is <https://forms.gle/XzTLYhhTWB8Uy6KU7>.

Address for Preschool Registration is <https://forms.gle/CrPsj1hnshM6Y74M9>.

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 dvheller@htc.net or 618/521-7417. 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

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES:

Red Bud Elementary School- Noah Kassing

Chester Grade School- Luke Kennedy

Red Bud High School

Max Diewald, Maggie DuFrenne, Molly Ellner, Allyson Fruth, Lindsey Fruth, Caleb Guebert, Kole Guebert, Megan Henry(*), Addison Liefer(#+), Colton Liefer, Easton Lucht, Madison Pensoneau(+), Katie Schneider, Hannah Sievers(*), Michael Watters
(*co-valedictorians; #salutatorian; +class officers)

College/University Graduates

Andrea Liefer, Webster University, Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia Practice

Briana Becker, Beck School of Practical Nursing, Licensed Practical Nursing Degree
 Bryce Becker, Concordia University, Wisconsin
 Bachelor of Arts in History and Lutheran Teaching Diploma
 Kole Liefer, Rankin Institute of Technology

CONCORDIA SEMINARY CARILLON SERIES:

Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and join us every Tuesday in June for beautiful carillon concerts on the campus of Concordia Seminary.

June 7 — Monika Kaźmierczak, Gdańsk, Poland, carillonneur

June 14 — Karel Keldermans, Springfield, Ill., carillonneur

June 21 — Bernard Winsemius, Amsterdam, Netherlands, carillonneur

June 28 — Roy Kroezen, Centralia, Ill., carillonneur

These events are part of the annual Concordia Seminary Concert Series and are free and open to the public.

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

How good and pleasant it is when brothers, mothers and their babies, children and their elderly parents live together (Psalm 133:1) without putting one another to death! In this sanctity of every life, God has not just invited but commanded and accomplished blessing by the coming of His Son! And if He has wrought good from the casting of lots (Acts 1:26), may we not trust Him to wring even better from surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis?

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 Genesis 6-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m., study Acts 12-15 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.) and dig into The Cause of Sin in Augsburg Confession Article XIX on Concord Matters (6/4 at 10:00 a.m.). Find programs live and on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Sexual Abuse Scandal in the Southern Baptist Convention; Harold Frank's WWII Story of Faith & Courage; Rep. Nancy Pelosi Denied Communion by an Archbishop; The Mind of Christ and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE:

St. John Lutheran Church of Chester will hold a Rummage and Bake Sale on Friday, June 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 4 from 8 a.m. to noon in its Parish Hall.

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

COS Trap Team: The COS Trap Shooting Team will be participating in the US Open at the World Shooting Complex on Saturday, June 4.

Office Hours: The office will not be open on Memorial Day. Starting June 1, summer office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Fridays 9:00 a.m.- noon.

COS Annual Rummage Sale: Our 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.

Registration for 2022-2023 is still 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 Lutheran High school. Call 853-7300 to schedule a private tour. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org. Financial aid based on need is available.

Sponsor a Thrivent Action Team: If you would like to organize or participate in a Thrivent Action Team to benefit COS, please call us to let us know what you would like to do. We can help you fill out the application.

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Senior Pastor Mark Nebel 618/237-5802 or home 282-3050

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Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 340-6055

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

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

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Brian Nowak Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Clyde and Kathy Rowold; (10:30 a.m.) Ron and Donna Burgdorf

Acolytes: (5 pm) Ava Clifford; (8 am) Mallory Arbeiter; (10:30 am) Kinley Macbeth

Veteran Flagbearers: (5 p.m.) John Preston, Ron Burgdorf; (8 a.m.) John Preston, Omer Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Clyde Rowold, David Guebert

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

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