



Fourth Sunday of Easter
St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois May 7-8, 2022



PRELUDE: (5 p.m.) "Shepherd of Tender Youth" *Bell Choir*
 (Sunday) "Shepherd of Tender Youth" *arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 710 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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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: John 10:14-15; Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13



I am the good shep-herd.*	I know / My own
and My own / know Me,*	and I lay down My life for the sheep.
He chose David to be His / ser-vant*	and took him from the sheep-folds;
He brought him to shepherd Jacob His / peo-ple,*	Israel His in- her-i-tance.
With upright heart he shep- herd-ed them* and guided them with his skill-ful hand.	
We Your people, the sheep of Your / pas-ture,*	will give thanks to You for- ev-er;
from generation to gener- / a-tion*	we will re- count Your praise.
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: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

ANTHEM: (8 a.m.) “A Faithful Shepherd Is My Lord”

Choir

(10:30 a.m.) “In Christ Alone”

Grades 3-8

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 20:17–35

Now from Miletus Paul sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s

silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

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 7:9–17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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 10:22-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name bear witness about Me, but you do not believe because you are not part of My flock. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

(5 p.m. & 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: 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"**

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

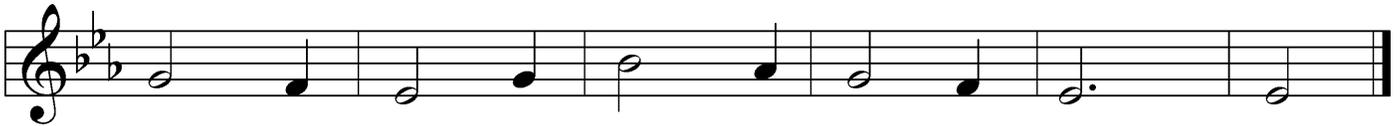
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HYMN OF THE DAY: 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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SERMON: “The Flock of the Father Follows Jesus” John 10:22-30

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: Lorine Reinhardt, Barb Ladwig, Elroy Stellhorn, Ruth Hecht, Janel Kassing, Peggy Hanebutt, Kevin Liefer, 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. *Help us keep this list current!*

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+thanksgiving for mothers, especially those who raised us in the Christian faith

+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.**
(please be seated)

Choir Anthem “Day by Day” (C. Berg & O. Ahnfeldt)

CLOSING HYMN: “A Christian Wife and Mother”

(tune: The Church’s One Foundation”)

1. **A Chris-tian wife and moth-er, God’s gift from heav’n a-bove
To mem-bers of her fam-ly a source of con-stant love,
A help-mate to her hus-band in good and e-vil days,
A bless-ing to her chil-dren in e’er so man-y ways.**
2. **She looks with love and fa-vor up-on her chil-dren fair,
As pre-cious gifts from heav-en God gave in-to her care.
With Chris-tian ad-mo-ni-tion and nur-ture in the Lord
She trains them well and wise-ly with Scrip-ture’s full ac-cord.**
3. **Thank God for Chris-tian moth-ers, re-mem-ber them today,
And call up-on your Sav-ior to bless their earth-ly stay.
They are a na-tion’s for-tress, a strong-hold in the home,
We hon-or and sa-lute them now and in life to come.**

POSTLUDE: “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

arranged by J. Wayne Kerr

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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

P ...The 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.)

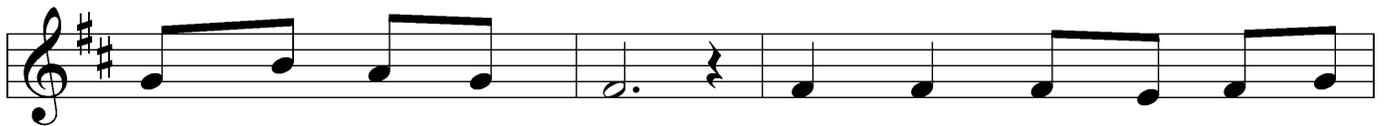
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

(Saturday) "Spring Ring!" Bell Choir

711 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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735 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

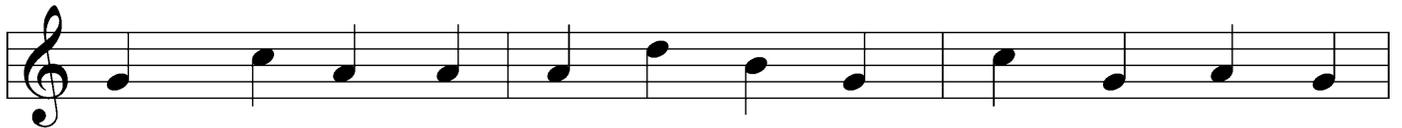
740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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864 "Shepherd of Tender Youth"



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
 2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
 3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
 4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
 du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
 pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.

5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your praises high
 And joyful sing: Infants and all the throng,
 Who to the Church belong, Unite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

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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.**

(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.) **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: “A Christian Wife and Mother”

(tune: “The Church’s One Foundation”)

- 1. A Chris-tian wife and moth-er, God’s gift from heav’n a-bove
To mem-bers of her fam-ly a source of con-stant love,
A help-mate to her hus-band in good and e-vil days,
A bless-ing to her chil-dren in e’er so man-y ways.**
- 2. She looks with love and fa-vor up-on her chil-dren fair,
As pre-cious gifts from heav-en God gave in-to her care.
With Chris-tian ad-mo-ni-tion and nur-ture in the Lord
She trains them well and wise-ly with Scrip-ture’s full ac-cord.**
- 3. Thank God for Chris-tian moth-ers, re-mem-ber them today,
And call up-on your Sav-ior to bless their earth-ly stay.
They are a na-tion’s for-tress, a strong-hold in the home,
We hon-or and sa-lute them now and in life to come.**

THE POSTLUDE: (*Saturday*) “A Festive Intrada” *Bell Choir*
(*Sunday*) “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” *arranged by J. Wayne Kerr*

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This Week With Our Lord, May 8-15, 2022

SUNDAY, May 8- Happy Mother’s Day!

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

9:30 a.m. Adult (Fellowship Hall & School Library) Bible classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, May 9- 7th & 8th grade Field Trip to Springfield

6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library

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

Tuesday, May 10-

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

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center

Wednesday, May 11-

8:30 a.m. School chapel service in the church

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
 3:30 p.m. 6th-7th Grade Public School Confirmation (school)
 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall
 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Kings)

Thursday, May 12-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Matthew)
 1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Gathering (fish fry) in the church garage

Friday, May 13- Pastor Nebel out of town today & tomorrow

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

Saturday, May 14-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Annika Herriman

SUNDAY, May 15-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Sage Pensoneau
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and HS Youth classes at school
 9:30 a.m. Adult (FH & SL) Bible classes
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Norah Wagner

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

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: ; Communion: 127; Adult/Youth: 30; Sunday School: 33

EPISTLES for May are in paper copy on the tables in the entryway.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 5/1- General: \$19,812; School: \$770; Automatic Giving: \$3,645. *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:

The Bible is like an encyclopedia, a love letter, a self-help book, and a Good News article-- but these comparisons all fall short. Listen to "What the Bible Is Like" (2nd Timothy 3:16-17) 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

John 10:27 – "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and

our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

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 w/ 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 8th 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.

SINGING IN WORSHIP:

School students in grades 3-8 will sing “In Christ Alone” in the 10:30 a.m. service on May 8. Students in grades Kdg.-2 will sing “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 15.

CONGRATULATIONS:

+Red Bud High School Prom Court included St. John’s members Queen Molly Ellner, Maggie DuFrenne, Madison Pensoneau and Junior attendant Aubrey Piel!

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

SAVE THE DATE- 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. RSVP to Sara in our office at 618/282-3873 or sara@stjohnsredbud.org by May 11.

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 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!:

5/8- Loren Harms, Jason Hick, Henry Liefer, Lillian Guebert, Eve Guebert; 5/9- Wil Krick, Curtis Schrieber, Connor Liefer; 5/10- Joan Ruwald; 5/11- Kevin Hartman, Danette Miller, James Ratz, Danielle Liefer, Henry Roy; 5/12- Alyce Niklich, Jesse Crafton, Noah Tepe, Charlotte Evancich; 5/13- Marlene Deterding, Meike Hooock, Jackie Quintin, Carla Hess, Jackson Muench, Alexa Cheek, Coral Hess, Henry Veath. *Call with corrections!*

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 Luttmann, Edna Moeller, Viola Muench, Harold Thies

ELDER ZONES FOR 2022: (Chairman, Eric Fritsche)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Eric Fritsche (618/410-5989)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Larry Gielow (618/830-4689)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann- R/K Herriman- Elder Jeremy Stellhorn (618/910-9205)

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

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick to Janel Maes- Elder David Reinhardt (618/967-7967)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader- Elder Kalin Liefer (618/792-8277)

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

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: *from Lutheran Bible Translators*

Copies of the daily Bible readings for the year are on the tables in the entryway. May 8- Luke 9:1-17; May 9- Luke 9:18-36; May 10- Luke 9:37-62; May 11- Luke 10:1-22; May 12- Luke 10:23-42; May 13- Luke 11:1-13; May 14- Luke 11:14-36.

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).

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. Your financial accounts change over time. Generally, people who are 70 have more financial assets than when they were 40. That increase gives you opportunity to consider God's plans. Is He leading you to not only show love to family but support ministry as well? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor Scott Radden can map your desires and pray with you. Contact him at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for information.

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 KFUO and kfu.org: Study Acts 6-8 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), dig into 1st John 2-4 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and study Free Will in Article XVIII of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (5/14 at 10:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfu.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT GUEST:

Mr. Kevin Williams, 8th grade teacher at Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School will join us this Sunday. Through the Big City Mission project, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod can show the love of Christ to all different kinds of people living in the inner city. Offerings to the Big City Mission project help kids and adults learn about how much Jesus loves them. By providing something simple like a lunch or backpack, those involved in urban ministry can build relationships that allow them to tell people about their Savior, Jesus!

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.

+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.

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

"Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4). Boundaries do not restrict freedom but complete it by releasing from the dangers beyond. Moms—like God—discipline because they love. Let us heed His voice (John 10:27) and not shrink from declaring anything that is profitable, both in public and at home (Acts 20:20), including that abortion is sinful and every human life is precious.

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: A New Study on Stay-at-Home Moms; The Lord's Supper Hymn "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing;" The Vocation of Citizen; The Active & Passive Obedience of Christ and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

Lower Your Blood Pressure Numbers with Food: Foods high in potassium and magnesium can help lower your blood pressure levels. Broccoli is a good source of magnesium. A study of older women found that higher consumption of it and cabbage is associated with less extensive blood vessel disease.

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.

SPORTS AWARDS Night is in the old gym on Wed., May 18, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Join us in congratulating and giving thanks for our graduates. The 2022 COS Graduation Service will be held May 20th at 7:00 p.m. in our gym.

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.

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. Each project team is given up to \$250 along with organizational material and t-shirts to help make their project successful. For info see: <https://www.thrivent.com/actionteam/>.

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 Lutheran High school. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a private tour. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org. 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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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

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Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (10:30 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn

(10:30 a.m.) Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Emma Kiefer; (8 a.m.) Kadin Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Lilly Meyer

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

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