



*The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany*  
*St. John's Lutheran Church*  
 Red Bud, Illinois **February 11-12,**



PRELUDE: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *arr. by J. G. Walther*

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

**OPENING HYMN: 571 "God Loved the World"**



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

*(please stand for the last stanza)*

6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally! A-men.

*Divine Service Two, page 167ff.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 167**

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

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

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

*Silence for reflection/examination by God's Word.*

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

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

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

**INTROIT: Psalm 98**



**The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;**

**He has revealed His righteousness to the | nations.**

**Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it; the world and those who | dwell in it!**

**Let the rivers / clap their hands;**

**let the hills / sing for joy**

**together be- | fore the LORD,**

**for He comes to | judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world with | righteousness, and the peoples with | equity.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;**

**He has revealed His righteousness to the | nations.**

**KYRIE: pages 168-169 (we sing the responses)**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: A-men.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** “This Is the Feast” pages 171-72

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. **C:** (*sung*) **Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are His. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** (*sung*) **And also with you.** P: Let us pray. **C:** **O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequences of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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’s Done Marvelous Things”

*School Grades 3-8*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL:**

*Ps. 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!

**Extol Him, all peoples!**

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

**THE EPISTLE READING:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:1-9**

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if you are able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 173 *(sung)*

**Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 5:21-37**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: *(sung)* Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

(Jesus said) "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is His footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.      C: (*sung*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: CREED** (*inside back cover of hymnal*)  
(10:30 a.m.) **Nicene Creed** (page 174);

**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*)**

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **Apostles’ Creed** (page 175)

**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*)**

*(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)* **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: (LSB 582)**

**God's Word is our great her-i-tage And shall be ours for-ev-er;**

**To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief en-deav-or.**

**Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.**

**Lord, grant, while worlds en-dure,**

**We keep its teach-ings pure Through-out all gen-er-a-tions.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 611 "Chief of Sinners, Though I Be"**



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

- 5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
 When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;  
 Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die. Public domain

**SERMON:** “God Gives the Growth to His Spiritual People” 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:1-9

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

*(Each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”)*

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+those suffering: earthquake in Turkey/Syria and war in Ukraine

**OFFERTORY:** (page 176)

**What shall I ren-der to the Lord, for all His ben-e-fits to me?**

**I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.**

*(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer, Benediction.*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

**CLOSING COLLECT and BENEDICTION:**

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

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

C *(sung)* **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: 727 "On Eagles' Wings"**

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust."**

*Refrain* **And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain***

**You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you, Near you in shall not come. *Refrain***

**For to His angels He's given a command To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

*Refrain*

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 177ff.

### **Preface**

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.**

### **Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

### **Sanctus**

**C      Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C      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**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: (sung) A-men.**

**Agnus Dei**

**C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

(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)***  
**637 “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”**



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

**Hymn: 790 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**



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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**Hymn: 798 "The God of Abraham Praise"** (please stand for last stanza, sing "A-men")



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand  
 3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace  
 4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.  
 From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.  
 Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.  
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
 I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,  
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.  
 I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.  
 And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.  
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.  
 And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.

5 Though nature's strength decay, And earth and hell withstand,  
 To Canaan's bounds I urge my way At His command.  
 The wat'ry deep I pass, With Jesus in my view,  
 And through the howling wilderness My way pursue.

6 The goodly land I see, With peace and plenty blest:  
 A land of sacred liberty And endless rest.  
 There milk and honey flow, And oil and wine abound,  
 And trees of life forever grow With mercy crowned.

7 There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righteousness,  
 Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.

On Zion's sacred height His kingdom He maintains  
And glorious with His saints in light Forever reigns.

8 The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing,  
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!  
Who was and is the same And evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!"

*(please stand for the last stanza)*

9 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.  
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:  
All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise! A-MEN.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you unto life everlasting. Go  
now in God's peace! Amen.

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** "Nunc Dimittis" page 182

*(we sing)* **Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-filled.  
My own eyes have seen the sal-va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of  
ev'ry peo-ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your  
peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDECTION:** page 183

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. **Amen.**  
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. **A-men**

**CLOSING HYMN: 727 "On Eagles' Wings"**

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust."**

***Refrain* And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain***

**You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you, Near you in shall not come. *Refrain***

**For to His angels He's given a command To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
*Refrain***

**THE POSTLUDE: "Shades Mountain"**

*arranged by John Eggert*

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***This Week With Our Lord, February 12-19, 2023***

**SUNDAY, February 12-** 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes

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

Noon Senior Youth gathering in their church basement hangout

1-2 p.m. Junior Youth will make Valentine cards in the school cafeteria

2:30 p.m. Pastor Nebel's presentation on parables at St. John in Ruma

**Monday, February 13-**

5:30 p.m. Girls' volleyball at home versus Valmeyer

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

**Tuesday, February 14-**

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, February 15-**

8:30 a.m. Upper Grades School Chapel at church

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

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

3:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting

3:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Public School Confirmation at school

5-7 p.m. School Open House with soups/desserts

7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meeting in the cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Bible Class (1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles) in the Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, February 16-**

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

4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in Pastor's office

5:30 p.m. Girls' AB volleyball at home versus St. Libory

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

Friday, February 17- Boys' Bball at Peoria; Girls' B Vball here

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

11:20 a.m. Early dismissal; 12:30 p.m. Faculty meeting

Saturday, February 18-

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

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

SUNDAY, February 19-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Eve Schwartzkopf

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes and Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (Alternative); Acolyte: Lilly Meyer

**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: 363; Communion: 172; Adult/Youth: 47; Sunday School: 37

*And let us consider how to stir one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb. 10:24-25)*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 2/5- General: \$28,508.25; School: \$275. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 9:7)*

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:7 – “So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.” Isn't that the truth! And it's not just true about preachers like Paul, but about all of us throughout the Christian life. God can do such wonderful things with our feeble efforts. This is so very true of our gifts to the Lord's work in the church. From His generous giving to us, we learn to give generously. The Lord then blesses this response to His grace in turn. He uses our very giving to bless us in the church where we hear of His gracious generosity to us. And the cycle repeats, and the Lord gives growth!

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Shine Like Stars”**

Lutheran Hour Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler says that a social media star with a million followers can't possibly know all one million of them. However, there is one really famous Person with billions of followers Who knows--and loves--each one (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:6-7). Listen on KFUE AM **850** Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:**

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets this Sunday with a focus on the book of 1<sup>st</sup> John in the New Testament from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (refreshments provided).

**WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:**

Wednesday Women meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday's class on 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles meets at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday's class on Matthew meets at 7:15 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast next meets on Saturday, February 18 to study "Proverbs: God's Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living."

**BABY BOTTLE COINS FOR LIFE NETWORK:**

We are collecting the baby bottles to support the work of our local Life Network. There is a tote in the entryway where you can deposit your full baby bottles. Thank you for your participation in this project!

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Fred Buch who died in the Lord Feb. 3 at the age of 77 years. He received his Christian burial here on Friday. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

**JUNIOR YOUTH**

We will make valentines for Garden Place and Red Bud Care Center residents this Sunday, February 12, from 1-2 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:**

Nursery: Demi Grohmann, Nolan Kassing, Benjamin Langrehr, Alayna Moll; Pre-K: Case Uffelmann; Kindergarten: Carter Mehring, Hayden Schlimme, Addy Moll, Jettson Grohmann; 1st Grade: Elaina Uffelmann; 2nd Grade: Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Liza Wagner, Avery Moll; 4th Grade: Lucy Kuehn, Lauren Mehring, Jackson Neff, Holden Wagner; 7th Grade: Sydney Kassing, Norah Wagner. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

**2023 PTL DINNER AUCTION:**

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual PTL Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, March 18 at the Hecker Community Center. This year's theme is "March Madness." Students will sell tickets after the 10:30 a.m. church service on February 12. Donations and/or reservation forms can be dropped off in the school office at any time. Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser!

**SONSHINE VISITATION:**

There are gifts and Valentine cards made by our school students in the Fellowship Hall for your Sonshine member for Valentine's Day. Please mark your name off the list once you have picked up your gift.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

2/12- Elroy Stellhorn, Bruce Schneider, Drew Kelley, Alex Renner, Jake Cox, Katie Schneider, Payton Liefer; 2/14- Willard Guebert, Eric Fritsche, Elizabeth Notter, Ryker Papenberg, Lucas Guebert; 2/15- Wanda Steele, Barbara Deterding, Craig Stellhorn, Alex Niemeyer; 2/17- Virginia Liefer, Linda Hinrichs, Trudy Woolbright, Connor Jordan, Brewer

Krick; 2/18- Amber Piel, Lauren Mehring; 2/19- Keith Miller, Jennifer Brown, Luke Hartmann, Callie Todaro, Kadence Koen. *Please call our office with corrections!*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT THIS YEAR:**

Our international mission project is Bible Books for Families in Ukraine through Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Only \$5 provides a Ukrainian family with a Bible storybook, Small Catechism, or other Bible resource in their language! To support this project, direct your offering to the attention of the Sunday School.

**WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

When inclement weather hits and we are considering not having school, please consult local news stations and look for Red Bud Community District #132, look for a message on our School Facebook Group, or get a text from our School Message System "Remind". Facebook St. John's Lutheran Church/School, Red Bud, IL; Remind Text this number 81010 this message @8243ad2

**MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

Calling all students, youth, and adults who sing/play an instrument! I am looking for anyone who is interested in using your gifts of music to enhance our weekend worship services by providing pre-service music before the worship services begin. I welcome everyone, from beginner to advanced! If you would like to play/sing in a different part of the service, that can be arranged also. If you are interested, please let me know! *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

**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](mailto: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, Jean Menke; Bria-Columbia: David Burgdorf; Randolph County Nursing Home: Don Kueker

**PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:**

Kathryn Chunn, Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer/Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Paul Schrieber, Arlin/Helen Winkelman, Carl/Flo Zschiegner

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

Wil Guebert, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth/Geri Koester, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Edna Moeller, Viola Muench, Harold Thies

**ORGAN RECITAL:**

Dr. Steven Wentz of Concordia University-Chicago will hold an organ recital on Sunday, February 12, 3 p.m., at Peace Lutheran Church in Lemay, Missouri.

**SAVE THE DATE: *Older Adult Retreat***

A Lutheran Older Adult Retreat, “The Lord is My Rock, My Fortress, and My Deliverer,” will be held at Pere Marquette Lodge outside of Grafton on April 26-27. Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty will be the keynote speaker. The cost is \$115 plus lodging. Contact Margo Wolf at 618/979-3376 or [dmwvette74@gmail.com](mailto:dmwvette74@gmail.com).

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023:**

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2023 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not find one for yourself and would like to have one, please contact Leslie in our church office at 282-2394. Thank you!

**BIBLE PRESENTATIONS:**

St. John’s Lutheran Church in Ruma and St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Evansville are once again hosting a series of presentations on the Bible. This series will feature Jesus’ life.

This Sunday, February 12, join us at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Ruma at 2:30 p.m. The topic will be “Parables,” presented by Rev. Mark Nebel, St. John’s Lutheran, Red Bud.

Tuesday, February 14, join us at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 p.m. The topic will be “Passover/Holy Communion,” presented by Rev. Rodney Benkendorf, Hanover Lutheran, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

**OPEN HOUSE & PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:**

We you to see what St. John's Lutheran School offers at our Open House from 5-7 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 15. You can tour the school, visit with the teachers, and enjoy a bowl of soup or hot dogs. Prospective preschool (3 and 4-year-old) and Kindergarten families also will have the chance to sign up for the 2023-2024 school year. Come join us for a night of fellowship and stay to see what our Parent Teacher League (PTL) is all about as their meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

**ELDER ZONES FOR 2023:** (Chairman, Gerald Hanebutt)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Bruce Schneider (618/521-0028)

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 Gary Buatte (618/719-5034)

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 Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

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

Jesus affirms that God forbids both murder and adultery (Matthew 5:21, 27). The Lord categorically says, “No!” to abortion because He emphatically says, “Yes!” to marriage, family, and community. His “Yes!” even extends forgiveness and salvation to those who have aborted their own children. We may advocate the sanctity of human life with the same courage and compassion (Matthew 5:37)—no matter who calls us a fool (Matthew 5:22).

**FINANCIAL NEED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT:**

St. John's member and Red Bud High School senior Ashlynn Crafton has been diagnosed with leukemia. We can provide some financial assistance for her treatments at her GoFundMe account <https://gofund.me/3579ba87> or at an account set up with Buena Vista National Bank Account #272745. Thank you for considering how you can help during this difficult time.

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IRVINE** (California) Symphony Orchestra in concert at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Collinsville, Saturday, February 25, at 3 p.m.

**PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE:**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeburg seeks an office secretary, 12 hours per week. Flexible schedule. Call 618-660-6144.

**THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC:**

The Academy of Music at Christ Our Savior, a new music school in Freeburg, offers private voice and instrument lessons in a warm, Christian environment with seasoned Lutheran instructors. Students of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Twice a month, the Academy offers Mini-Music Makers, an energetic class for preschoolers and their parents or caregivers. Preschoolers sing, play instruments, dance, and learn to love music with an experienced early childhood music teacher. For details about the Academy, email [Hannah@TheAcademyofMusic.org](mailto:Hannah@TheAcademyofMusic.org), call 618-353-3322 or visit [TheAcademyofMusic.org](http://TheAcademyofMusic.org).

**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: How to Save the West; Finding a Therapist; "Luther's Large Catechism with Annotations and Contemporary Applications;" 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Lutheran Theologian Wilhelm Loehe and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

**Fish & More Dinner:** This year's Fish & More will offer both dine-in and carry-out, Friday March 3, serving from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Our FFA will be holding their "Helping Hands Auction" at 6:30 that evening. Support COS by enjoying a meal, support FFA by bidding on helpers!

**Registration for 2023-2024 is open!** If you have a student or know someone who is high school age, encourage them to consider COSLHS. Call 618-853-7300 to schedule a tour. A discount on registration fees is offered to those who register before March 31. Download a registration form from our website, [www.coslhs.org](http://www.coslhs.org).

**School Hours:** The office is open on school days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

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Secretaries – Mrs. Leslie Froemling and Mrs. Sara Shepherd

Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804

Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 618/853-7300

*Faculty and Staff*

Preschool – Cindy Steele Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

Aides: Nola Jean Vallett, Shawn DeRousse, and Elizabeth Schaefer

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade and Junior Youth – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

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

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

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Bill Becker Athletic Director – Scott Voss

School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

*Day Care*

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Megan Diercks, Amy Williams, Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Madison Shields, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Johnston, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Kailyn Moeller, Madison Falkenhain, Katherine Kelley, Alyssa Rollins, Stephanie Surman, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston

*Church Council*

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse

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Lutheran High School Board: Kathy Valleroy and Rebekah Liefer

*Serving Us in Worship Today*

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Lectors: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff; (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Landon Ruebusch; (8 a.m.) Jackson Muench; (10:30 am.) Ian Moll

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

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

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

Flower Servers: Diana and Briana Becker Paraments: Carol Turner