

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN Church
Red Bud, Illinois

Second Sunday in Lent
March 4-5, 2023

Prelude: (5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) "O Lord, We Praise Thee" *arr. by Heinrich Scheidemann*
 (10:30 a.m.) "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" *Bell Choir*
 THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 601 "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

**All who be-lieve and are bapt-tized Shall see the Lord's sal-va-tion;
 Bap-tized in-to the death of Christ, They are a new cre-a-tion.
 Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand
 A-mong the glo-rious heav'n-ly band Of ev-'ry tribe and na-tion.**

**With one ac-cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho-ly Spir-it.
 Help us in our in-fir-mi-ty Through Je-sus' blood and mer-it.
 Grant us to grow in grace each day
 That by this sac-ra-ment we may E-ter-nal life in-her-it.**

(Saturday) Holy Baptism, page 268ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Please stand if you are able.)*

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT: Psalm 105:4-8



He remembers His covenant for- | ev-er,

the word that He commanded, for a thousand gener- | a-tions.

Seek the LORD | and His strength;

seek His presence con- | tin-ual-ly!

Remember the wondrous works | He has done,

His miracles, and the judgments He | ut-tered,

O offspring of Abraham, His | ser-vant,

children of Jacob, His | chos-en ones!

He is the | LORD our God;

His judgments are in | all the earth.

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.

He remembers His covenant for- | ev-er,

the word that He commanded, for a thousand gener- | a-tions.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

ANTHEM: (8 a.m.) “There Is a Fountain” (arranged by Patti Drennan)

Choir

(10:30 a.m.) “Jesus Loves Me”

Bell Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation,

and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh.

At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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

THE GRADUAL

A: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

A: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be

guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY – 591 “This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

**This is the Spir-it’s en-try now: The wa-ter and the Word,
The cross of Je-sus on your brow, The seal both felt and heard.**

**This mir-a-cle of life re-bron Comes from the Lord of breath;
The per-fect Man from life was torn;
Our life comes through Christ’s death.**

**Let wa-ter be the sa-cred sign That we must die each day
To rise a-gain by His de-sign As fol-l’wers of His way.**

**Re-new-ing Spir-it, hear our praise For Your bap-tis-mal pow’r
That wash-es us through all our days;
Lord, cleanse a-gain this hour.**

(please stand if you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what

we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED – “We All Believe in One True God”

LSB 953



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com - forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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(10:30 a.m.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:

**Let me learn of Jesus; He is kind to me;
Once He died to save me, Nailed upon the tree.
Let me think of Jesus; He is full of love,
Looking down upon me From His throne above.
Oh, how good is Jesus! May He hold my hand
And at last receive me To a better land.**

SERMON: “God’s Credit of Grace Erases Our Account of Sin” Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

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

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Arlin Winkelman, June Lawrence, Viola Muench, Darlene Lohman, Stanley Langrehr, Ruth Hecht, Rick Horrell, Sherry Winkelmann, Rhonda Schaefer, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan, Ashlynn Crafton, Grayson Herriman, Loxton Sutton; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Susan Sochowski, Ava Kern, Gary Hollmann, Delores Stirnaman, Jan Kaaz, Alfred (AJ) Guebert, Merle Borrenpohl, Roger Hartmann. *Help us keep this list current!*

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+those traveling home from Chicago with our grade school boys’ basketball team

+those suffering: earthquake in Turkey/Syria, war in Ukraine and residents of East Palestine, OH

OFFERTORY: *(LSB 782)*

Gra-cious God, You send great bless-ings New each morn-ing all our days.

For Your mer-cies nev-er end-ing, For Your love we of-fer praise.

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un-num-bered claim,

Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

(The 10:30 a.m. service ends 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.

COLLECT

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 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.**

BENEDICTION:

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

CLOSING HYMN: 538 "Praise Be to Christ"



1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the
2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -
3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and
a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our
God-head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,
world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,
man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and
Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born
Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.
from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.
sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

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(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to 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. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.**

SANCTUS – “Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old” - LSB 960



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



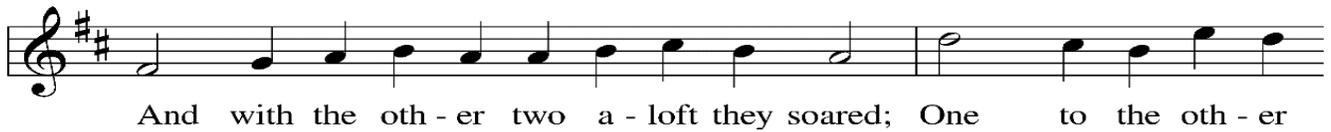
filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth - er two a - loft they soared; One to the oth - er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of



Sab - a - oth! His glo - ry fills the heav - ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels



trem - bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en - wrapped the throne on high.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for

you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C. Amen

AGNUS DEI – “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” -LSB 434

**1 Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

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(please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS –

(8 a.m.) ANTHEM: “I Need Thee Every Hour”

(arranged by John Ness Beck) Choir

542 “When I Behold Jesus Christ”



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.

Refrain

What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Je-sus, there To me on Cal-va-ry.
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Je-sus, there To me on Cal-va-ry.

596 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
 2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
 3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-
 4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
 cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
 ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
 cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
 out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
 gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And
 for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
 in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
 all our sin-ful selves em-mployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
 makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!
 It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.
 When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
 And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new creation!
 As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation,
 Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness Bestowed
 on you forever!

618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"



1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners
 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I
 4 Weary am I and heavenly laden; With sin my
 5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's



weary is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a-
 may salvation see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sinful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore oppressed; Receive me gracious -
 bond and solid base; It is the strength of



lonely art a-ble To satisfy and make me whole:
 faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee.
 banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art:
 ly and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

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(please stand if you are able)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – "O Lord, We Praise Thee" (LSB 617) st. 2

Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy! Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee

That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;

Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

A We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN – 538 “Praise Be to Christ”



1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the
2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -
3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and
a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our
God-head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,
world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,
man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and
Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born
Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.
from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.
sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

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POSTLUDE: “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” *arr. by B. M. Culli*

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This Week With Our Lord, March 5-12, 2023

SUNDAY, March 5-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Monday, March 6- *No School! Casmir Pulaski Day*

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, March 7- *Volleyball OVC tourney at Chester*

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in Murphysboro
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 8-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church; Acolyte- Brooke Wolter
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
5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church; Acolyte: Emily Bowles

Thursday, March 9-

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
7:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 10- *End of Third Quarter*

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

Saturday, March 11- *Volleyball C Team tourney at St. Mary's*

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

SUNDAY, March 12- *Daylight Savings Time Change*

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Tessa Stenzel
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Norah Wagner
Noon Senior Youth gathering in their church basement hangout
6:00 p.m. Mother-Daughter Volleyball at school

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 341; Communion: 100; Adult/Youth: 32; Sunday School: 32
Midweek Lent I Worship- AM- 148; PM- 48

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)

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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "An Arresting Encounter"

Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler tells us that a devoutly religious person has an arresting encounter with Jesus and learns what it means to be "born again" (John 3:16). 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.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 2/26- General: \$8,327; School: \$130; ACH Giving: \$3,870. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* (2nd Cor. 9:7)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” This is perhaps the most well-known and beloved verse in the New Testament, for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life, including our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Clara Sue Zeller into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the Saturday service. She is the daughter of Cole and Amy (Koester) Zeller. Her baptismal sponsors are Mary and Brent Vaughn and Emily Bowles (witness). Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets this Sunday with a focus on the book of Jude in the New Testament from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (refreshments provided).

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The April-June edition of *Portals of Prayer*, our quarterly devotional booklet, are in the racks by the church's front doors. Sonshine Visitation members, pick one up to deliver to those whom you visit.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:

During this Lenten season we gather for services on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The theme for this year's services is “Seven Songs That Say I'm Sorry: The Penitential Psalms.” A Lenten Supper of pulled pork, baked beans, chips and homemade ice cream will be served in the Fellowship Hall starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be a hymn sing ten minutes before the evening service.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women meet at 9:30 a.m. They begin a new topic this week using Deb Burma's recent book, “Be Still and Know” (cost is \$21). Wednesday's class on 1st Chronicles is on a break until April 12. Thursday's class on Matthew meets at 7:15 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast

next meets on Saturday, March 18 to study “Proverbs: God’s Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living.”

LENTEN DEVOTIONS:

Lutheran Hour Ministries offers daily devotions for Lent that can be found at www.lhm.org under the “Resources” tab. Click “Devotions” and then “Lenten Devotions.” A few paper copies of them, “Man of Sorrows, People of Joy,” are on the tables in the entryway. A variety of other Lenten devotionals are there too.

MEN’S CLUB MEETING:

St. John’s Men’s Club will gather this Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. We will watch an episode of THE CHOSEN entitled “The Wedding Gift.” Hope to see you there!

NOTE: Due to several schedule conflicts, our April meeting will be on April 20.

2023 PTL DINNER AUCTION:

The 13th annual PTL Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, March 18 at the Hecker Community Center. Doors open and Silent Auction begins at 5 p.m. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. This year’s theme is “March Madness.” 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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

3/5- Rev. Russell Koen, Taylor Foster, Lucas McCarthy, Sadie Stellhorn; 3/6- Linda Buch, Nathan Marcheski, Summer Luttman, Taylor Guebert, Luke Pollard; 3/7- Barb Ladwig, Dale Holmstrom, Lisa Quinn, Miranda Sutton, Joshua Bremer, Skylar Valleroy, Ben DeRousse, Madeline Moll; 3/8- Joan Prigge, Donna VanDorn, Kaci Trost, Samuel Roscow, Tessa Stenzel, Landon Bumann, Corbin Liefer; 3/9- Joy Prigge, Joanna Ellner; 3/10- Gregory Deien, Andrew Langrehr, Riley Foster; 3/11- Tammy Moll, Timothy Donjon. *Please call our office with corrections!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY:

Nursery: Clarke Thien, Demi Grohmann, Ben Langrehr; Kindergarten: Jettson Grohmann, Carter Mehring; 1st Grade: Natalie Bowles, Ellie Stellhorn; 2nd Grade: Liam Langrehr, Amelia Langrehr; 4th Grade: Aiden Arbeiter, Lauren Mehring; 6th Grade: Carson Bowles; 8th Grade: Emily Bowles. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

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.

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.

JUNIOR YOUTH:

Our Junior Youth will gather on Sunday, March 26 from 1-2 p.m. in our school's cafeteria in order to prepare eggs for the April 1 Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring 24 plastic eggs and a bag of candy with you.

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 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, Rick Horrell, Kenneth/Geri Koester, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Edna Moeller, Viola Muench, Harold Thies

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)

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

Whip Winter Weight- Drink plenty of water because we confuse hunger pains with our body's need for water. Drinking water during meals has been shown to decrease the number of daily calories consumed.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

We can discover great joy by thinking of the benefit that will come from the gifts we give from our estates. Family inheritance is often understood as entitlement. That robs the joy. Instead, living in grace, we see distributions to family as gifts. How do you hope the gifts you will give to family will benefit them? Will they free family from debt, enable the start of a new business, pay for college or provide for special needs? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to think about the purpose of your gifts. Contact Scott Radden for more information at 618-977-4049 or at scott.radden@LFND.org.

CASEY'S REWARDS:

St. John's is in Cash for Classrooms- When you shop at Casey's using its rewards program you can donate your points to our school. Thank you!

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

Father Abraham was justified (Romans 4:2-3); that is, he had a reason for coming into being and continuing to live. Abraham was not justified by works, that is; this reason arose from elsewhere than his own origin, appearance, or ability. Abraham was justified by grace; that is, God's creating, redeeming, and calling defined his identity. The Gospel proclaims the sanctity of life to all Abraham's offspring (Romans 4:16)!

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.

AREA DINNERS:

+St. John Lutheran Church in Baldwin will hold its annual Chicken Dinner on Sunday, March 12th. Serving times are from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Dine-in or carry-outs will be available. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans, slaw, homemade dessert, and drinks. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children, and 4 and under are free.

+Trinity Lutheran Church in Millstadt will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner (all-you-can-eat) on Sunday, March 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-10. Carryouts will be available.

+St. Peter UCC of Red Bud is holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 31 from 4-7 p.m. for both dine-in and curbside pickup. Cod, catfish, shrimp and chicken strips will be served with potato salad (German and American), french fries, mac & cheese, slaw, stewed tomatoes and baked beans. Cash or check only accepted.

WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT:

The Wind Symphony of Concordia University-Chicago, under the direction of Dr. Richard Fischer, will be in concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Missouri on Saturday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

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, or visit TheAcademyofMusic.org.

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, hear a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 3/8 at 11:00 a.m. from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis, study John 12 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and begin studying the book of Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

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: God's Word in the Christian home, the hymn "Lord of Our Life," the Religiously Unaffiliated Spiritual Nones, Witchcraft and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

Thank you for supporting COS at our Fish & More Dinner, FFA Helping Hands Auction, and the NASP Archery Tournament.

Puff Pastry Fundraiser: Student Council is taking orders for pastries until March 13. Call school if you would like to order.

The COS Drama Production, *Order Up*, will be March 24 and 25 at 7:00 p.m. \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and under 5 are free.

COS Blood Drive: COS is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, March 27 from 2 p.m. 6 p.m. Use your Red Cross App or go online to set up your appointment.

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.

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

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Director of Christian Education/School Librarian–Mr. Bill Becker 618/282-2958
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 (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel
Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – 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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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel
Organist/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
(Sunday) Lector: Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Addie Rahn; (8 a.m.) Brynlee Liefer;
(10:30 am.) Hollis Wolfmeier
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Ron and Diane Kunkelmann (8 a.m.) Clyde and Kathy Rowold;
(10:30 a.m.) Jim and Judy Guebert
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald
Flower Servers: Anna and Amelia Guebert Paraments: Irma Birkner